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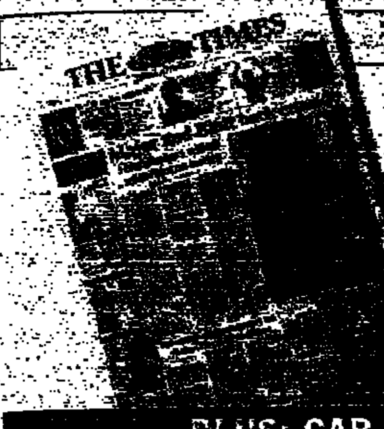

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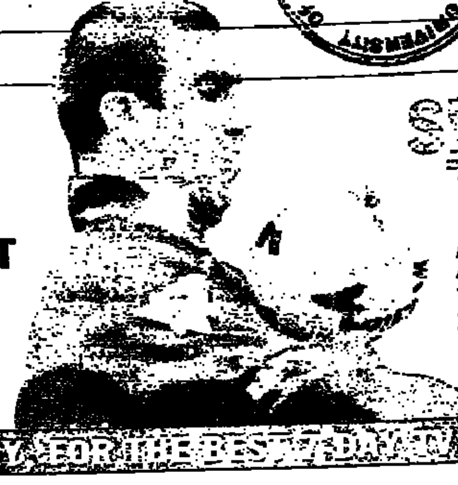

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It's time for action, says Blair

First seven ministers named after takeover at Number 10

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR hailed a new dawn yesterday as he strode into Downing Street and promised to unite the nation.

The youngest Prime Minister since 1812 was mobbed by an enthusiastic crowd as he and his young family made their way to the country's most famous address. Pledging to run a new Labour Government based on compassion and decency, he then went inside to begin the work of state and form his Cabinet.

Within hours of being elected in a landslide that left the Conservative Party devastated and despairing, Mr Blair had seen seven members of his top team and announced their jobs. John Prescott is to run a new environment super-ministry as well as being Deputy Prime Minister. Lord Irvine of Lairg, Mr Blair's legal mentor in an earlier career, will be Lord Chancellor as well as having a big role in overseeing the devolution legislation and chairing Cabinet committees.

Gordon Brown, as expected, will be Chancellor; Robin Cook Foreign Secretary; David Blunkett Education Secretary; and Jack Straw Home Secretary. Margaret Beckett was named President of the Board of Trade.

The remainder of the Cabinet will be announced today. It is expected to include Mo Mowlam as Northern Ireland Secretary, Donald Dewar as Scottish Secretary in charge of devolution and Clare Short as Overseas Development Minister.

The Conservatives were meanwhile still reeling from the shock of their party's most catastrophic electoral showing for 165 years — one that robbed them of a third of their Cabinet team.

John Major bowed out not only as Prime Minister, but also as Tory leader, making a dignified exit that won tributes from his political opponents. "When the curtain falls it is time to get off the stage and that is what I propose to do," he said. The vote for a successor is expected to take place in about six weeks' time.

With all 659 seats declared the state of the parties was:

	Gains	Losses	Total
Labour	146	0	418
Cons	0	178	165
Lib Dem	30	2	46
Others	4	0	29
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Overall majority: 177.
Share of vote: Labour 44.4%; Conservative 31.4%; Lib Dem 17.2%; Others 7%.
Swing C to Lab: 10%
Turnout: 71.3%

> "Blair's inner group is neither a collection of functionaries nor a sect, but closer to a family"
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> — *Sidney Blumenthal inside Millbank, page 4*

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He would not have wanted to stay on: the Tory representation in the Commons was halved to 165 seats, and the party was wiped out in Scotland and Wales. Seven Cabinet ministers — Michael Portillo, Malcolm Rifkind, Ian Lang, William Waldegrave, Michael Forsyth, Tony Newton and Roger Freeman — were rejected by their constituencies as Labour stormed to 418 seats, its highest toll yet, and a Commons majority of 177.

It was a triumphant result, too, for the Liberal Democrats. Their tally of 46 seats was the highest by a third party since 1929 and was described by Paddy Ashdown as "fantastic". In a final twist, Mr Ashdown's party took Winchester — the last seat declared — from the Tories by two votes, ousting the former minister Gerry Malone.

Mr Blair had woken on Thursday expecting a majority of between 30 and 40. It was only when he heard of Michael Portillo's defeat in the early hours of yesterday that he finally accepted that he was heading for a victory of momentous proportions.

As he drove from Stansted to the Labour celebrations at the Festival Hall, he received a call from President Clinton congratulating him on his "startling" victory. And his officials said that he felt the "extraordinary" majority would give him the momentum he needed at the start of his Government.

It was a day on which all politicians — and particularly Mr Blair and his entourage — seemed keenly aware of the historic sweep of events.

As the new Prime Minister was driven from his Islington home to Buckingham Palace to receive the seals of office from the Queen, people ran into the streets to cheer, a reception that convinced him that Labour's return to power had inspired hope and optimism. It was a view reinforced on the way from the Palace to Downing Street, when he and his wife, Cherie, spent some time walking along the street acknowledging the cheers of party workers and members of the public.

In front of Number 10, he told the nation that he had run for office as new Labour and would govern as new Labour. "This is not a mandate for dogma or for doctrine, or for a return to the past, but it was a mandate to get those things done in our country that desperately need doing for the future," he said. "And this new Labour Government will govern in the interests of all our people — the whole of this nation. That I can promise you."

Speaking of his party's 18 "long years" of opposition he said: "It could only say, it could not do. Today we are charged with the deep responsibility of government. Today, enough of talking. It is time now to do."

He also paid tribute to his predecessor "for his dignity and courage over the last few days and the manner of his leaving — the essential decency of which is the mark of the man".

Mr Blair was then applauded by the Downing Street staff as he walked in, the traditional greeting for a new Prime Minister. He had immediate discussions with the Cabinet Secretary Sir Robin Butler and other officials, before taking a short lunch with close relatives.

PETER NICHOLLS

Making an entrance: Tony and Cherie Blair, with Nicholas, Kathryn and Euan, move into No 10

Clarke rushes into race for Tory leadership

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

KENNETH CLARKE became the first candidate to throw his hat into the ring for the Conservative leadership after John Major said he was standing down yesterday.

All the indications had been that John Redwood, who was defeated by Mr Major in the 1995 contest, would declare immediately. However, along with several other candidates, the former Welsh Secretary consulted friends and held back from formally announcing his challenge.

Michael Heseltine, the former Deputy Prime Minister, could emerge as the unity candidate after the worst night in Tory electoral history. However, he is expected to stand only if it is clear that he would win strong support among the much-reduced band of Tory MPs. Influential figures suggested yesterday that Mr Heseltine might be seen as the man who could rouse the party to take on Tony Blair after his thumping victory.

William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, the former Health Secretary, and Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, were also expected to spend the weekend consulting friends and supporters before declaring. The contest is likely to take place either late next month or in July.

Mr Clarke declared his intentions on BBC Radio 4's *World at One* — less than two hours after Mr Major said he was stepping down. Mr Clarke said: "I certainly intend to be a candidate in the leadership election." He said Mr Major had behaved "with very great dignity and has come out of the campaign with great personal credit".

All out, but Major finds solace at the Oval

By Alan Hamilton

JOHN MAJOR once told Sue Lawley that his one luxury on a desert island would be the Oval cricket ground. Yesterday, on his first day in the wilderness, it was to that spiritual home that he returned to put his world-turned-upside-down into some kind of perspective.

Cricket is balm to a troubled Englishman's soul, especially when the sky is cloudless, the weather shirtsleeve and the wicket fast. Never mind that the fixture was minor and the crowd thinner on the ground than Tory voters in Tatton; for a general who had just led his armies to historic defeat, Mr Major gave every impression of a man at peace, a man now engaged in life's really important matters, like the superb Surrey catch taken in the outfield right under his nose.

Having delivered his resignation to the Queen, Mr Major lost no time in gathering his family around him and heading for Kennington in his new car. His former prime ministerial blue Daimler now has a different owner; he arrived in the chauffeur-driven green Jaguar of the Leader of the Opposition.

Fans pressed around him and begged his autograph on newspapers, scorecards, any piece of paper to hand; he spent ten minutes obliging them all. When one man offered him a newspaper bellowing "Labour Heading for Landslide" across its front page, Mr Major said in mock shock: "You've got a bit of a cheek." A kindred cricket spirit sympathised with his defeat: "You got a bit of a dodgy LBW decision last night, mate." Mr Major replied in kind: "Yes, but the umpire's decision is final."

Dressed in shirt, pale blue tie and rather smart square sunglasses, Mr Major took his seat in the pavilion beside Betty, widow of the great Surrey captain Stuart Surridge, a hero of his youth. This was a heaven far from

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Two-vote majority

By Adrian Lee

TORY misery was completed last night when it lost the final seat to be declared by two votes, the smallest majority for 87 years.

Gerry Malone, a junior health Minister, was defeated in Winchester, Hampshire, by his Liberal Democrat opponent after two recounts. The first put the Liberal Democrats ahead, the second made the Tories the winners. Mr Malone finally admitted defeat more than 19 hours after the polls closed.

New tellers had to be brought in by the returning officer to replace exhausted colleagues. Mark Oaten, the victor, polled 26,100 votes, while Mr Malone attracted 26,098. Mr Malone said he had not ruled out challenging the result in court.

In 1910 H E Drake triumphed for the Unionists in Exeter by one vote.

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Europe hopes for a chance to kiss and make up

By Charles Bremner and Our Foreign Staff

A WAVE of relief, as well as some gloating, swept Europe yesterday as European Union leaders on the Left and Right hailed Labour's victory as a fresh start for Britain's long-troubled relations with the Continent.

Amid the chorus of undisguised satisfaction at the removal of the Conservative Government, the Dutch called a special EU summit meeting at Noordwijk, on the North Sea coast, for May 23.

The gathering will be a get-acquainted session for Tony Blair, but the big test for his statesmanship will come on June 15, at the Amsterdam summit to finish the revamped Maastricht treaty. There, the jolly welcome for the new boy will give way to cold-eyed bargaining and Mr Blair will be offered no quarter as Britain's partners push for deeper political integration.

France's Gaullist Government and Germany's centre-right administration cheered the Blair victory, notably citing Labour's commitment to sign the social chapter. Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, said there was "new hope for social Europe".

FOREIGN REACTION

Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, urged the new Government to give Britain "a great role corresponding to its great history and its experience".

Chancellor Kohl, depicted last month by the Tories as Mr Blair's puppet-master, delivered a blunt verdict: "Voters did not like the anti-European rhetoric of the past weeks and this should be a lesson for all those who want to win votes with anti-European polemics."

☐ **America:** the White House predicted an early visit to Washington by Tony Blair after President Clinton congratulated him on his victory. In a three-minute conversation shortly before midnight on Thursday, Mr Clinton said he looked forward to working with the Labour leader to pursue an "agenda of common purpose".

☐ **Greece:** the election of Tony Blair has revived Greek hopes that they might soon get back the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum. Evanghelos Venizelos, the Culture Minister, said that he would write to his British opposite number as soon as one was appointed, reminding the Labour Party of its promise to return the marbles if it attained power.

☐ **Argentina:** President Menem said he hoped the election victory would lead to "positive" developments over the Falkland Islands. "There are always hopes that when there is a change in government and orientation, there can be some positive aspects on our claim for sovereignty."

☐ **Hong Kong:** Chris Patten, the Governor, congratulated Mr Blair and said he expected the cross-party agreement on Hong Kong to continue. Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-elect, said he looked forward to working closely with Mr Blair and especially welcomed the Labour Party's statement that it would co-operate with China to ensure that Hong Kong becomes "a bridge rather than a barrier between London and Beijing".

Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, who had recently seen President Clinton in Washington, said he hoped that Mr Blair would come to Hong Kong soon to show his support for democracy.

☐ **Australia:** the Australian Labor Party, which suffered much the same annihilation at last year's general election as the Conservatives did yesterday, has taken some of the credit for Mr Blair's landslide. Kim Beazley, the Opposition leader, said: "He learnt a lot from us." Mr Blair is known to have seen Australia as his model of a free market, centre-left government when Labor was in power and even went so far as to accept a few election tips from the former Prime Minister, Paul Keating.

☐ **Cyprus:** President Clerides congratulated Mr Blair in a telegram and hoped that he would press on with efforts to find a settlement to the division of the former British colony.

Minorities join record number of women MPS

By Mark Henderson

THE new Labour Party will be the most socially diverse parliamentary force ever assembled, with women making up almost a quarter of its MPs, more blacks and Asians elected than ever before and a youthful contingent unprecedented this century.

All-women shortlists in target seats have ensured that 101 Labour women have been elected to Parliament out of 419 MPs. They include Gisela Stuart, whose victory in Birmingham Edgbaston, the first marginal to declare, showed that Tony Blair was on his way to Downing Street, and Patricia Hewitt, who advises Mr Blair on management and who is tipped for a ministerial job.

Altogether, at least 120 women have been elected, more than double the number in the last Parliament. Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said: "This is an historic day for women and I believe it will enrich the political process in this country." The number of Conservative women in the House fell from 18 to 11. Three Liberal Democrat women and two Scottish Nationalists were elected.

Harriet Harman said the results were a great step forward for women and democracy: "This will mean a new style of government, with more mothers in the mother of parliaments."

Mr Blair will also benefit from some of the youngest MPs elected in recent memory, with eight of the new intake of MPs are under 30. The youngest is Christopher Leslie, 24, who defeated Sir Marcus Fox, the 69-year-old chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, in Shipley. Mr Leslie, a former researcher to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be the youngest MP since Bernadette Devlin won Mid-Ulster in 1969. He is a month younger than another 24-year-old, Clare Ward, Labour MP for Watford. Other young Labour members include Yvette Cooper, a former journalist and economics adviser to Mr Brown, in Pontefract and Castleford, and Ruth Kelly, a Bank of England economist, who won Bolton West from Tom Sackville, the Home Office Minister, while pregnant. Five former presidents of the National Union of Students were elected, including Lorna Fitzsimmons, 29, in Rochdale, and Jim Murphy, 29, in Eastwood, formerly the safest Tory seat in Scotland.

NEW INTAKE

Five Asian and four black MPs were elected for Labour, another record, including Britain's first Muslim MP, Mohammad Sarwar, in Glasgow Govan, and a first Asian woman, Marsha Singh, in Bradford West. Mr Sarwar's election was marred by fighting between supporters of the British National Party and the Scottish Socialist Alliance, which fielded candidates against him. The only Asian Tory MP, Nirj Deva, lost his seat in Brentworth and Isleworth.

Two openly homosexual candidates were returned, Stephen Twigg against Michael Portillo in Enfield Southgate, and the BBC journalist Ben Bradshaw against the Tory homophobe Dr Adrian Rogers in Exeter. Mr Rogers dubbed Mr Bradshaw "bent Ben" during the campaign, and railed against homosexuality as "godforsaken and disease-ridden". Mr Bradshaw said his election was a victory for reason over bigotry.

While most of the new intake of MPs have professional backgrounds in law, teaching, local government or the media, Labour's roots as a working class movement are also represented. Ivan Henderson is a docker in Harwich, where he defeated the Iain Sproat, the Sports Minister, and Clive Efford, who won Eltham, in south London, is a taxi driver.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

John Prescott arriving at No 10 yesterday afternoon to hear of his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister

Privy Council sets seal on Cabinet

TONY BLAIR will be officially sworn in as Prime Minister by the Queen at Buckingham Palace tonight.

A convoy of government cars with the new Cabinet and Privy Counsellors will arrive at the Palace shortly before 6pm, in time to allow ministers to congregate in the 1844 room for the first meeting of the Privy Council.

Mr Blair will be presented with the letters patent and be sworn in as Prime Minister. The great seals of office — about the size of a dinner plate — will also be presented to the most senior ministers, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord rivy Seal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Secretaries of state receive seals the size of a new penny.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT

Each new Privy Councillor must take the oath of office and "kiss hands" of the Queen; in reality it is a brush of the lips. Nigel Nicholls, clerk to the Privy Council, will read out the oath to each new member who will reply: "I do." The oath binds the member to serve the nation and to keep secret the affairs of state.

Those ministers who swear a solemn oath are then presented with a claret, leather-bound prayer book of the New Testament. There is an inscription to record the occasion and it is signed by the Lord President of the Council — widely tipped last night to be Donald Dewar, as Leader of the Commons.

Non-believers merely have to affirm an oath and they have no memento of the occasion. John Prescott, Robin Cook and Margaret Beckett are already Privy Counsellors who affirmed. The only other members in Mr Blair's frontbench team are the Prime Minister himself, Gordon Brown, Donald Dewar, Derek Foster, Jack Cunningham and Lord Richard.

Mr Blair is limited to 22 paid Cabinet posts under rules set out in the Ministerial and Other Salaries Act 1975. However, the law does not impose a ban on the number of ministers attending the Cabinet, as long as they are paid outside the Cabinet or do not receive a Cabinet salary.

Major

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the purgatory of politics, although in the parallel universe of the Benson & Hedges one-day fixture being played out before him, British Universities XI were struggling at a miserable 40 for 4 against brisk Surrey bowling. It was the equivalent of trailing badly in the polls, although a late rally of the kind Mr Major would have died for earlier this week left them all out for a modestly respectable 198.

The Major family — John, Norma, James, Elizabeth and the children's respective partners — came and leant over the railing of their privileged enclosure to talk to the cameras. "Where else should I be on a day like this when the sun is shining?" asked the Leader of the Opposition.

He may well have been misty-eyed, but it was impossible to tell behind the shades. "Cricket has been part of my life since I was smaller than that boy there," he said, indicating a diminutive autograph-hunter. Reporters asked how long he had slept. "None of us got any sleep last night." Well, Mr Major, you don't look tired. "It was only a six-week campaign. That's the trouble with you hacks; no stamina." He smiled the smile that he wore throughout the ultimately fruitless campaign.

He dodged all questions about the future, even about what he planned to do for the weekend, and retired into the pavilion to lunch on goujons of sole and buckets of solace. As he did so the public address system was making its sales pitch for the Surrey Cricket Club shop: "All items of England cricket clothing are reduced by 30 per cent." Oh, come along, it's only an election he lost; there's no need for suicide.

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MAJOR'S SPEECH

THE following is the text of John Major's speech outside Downing Street.

Good morning. I said most of what I wish to say when I had the opportunity of speaking last evening. Perhaps, there are just one or two things it would be appropriate to add this morning.

It has been an immense privilege to serve as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom over the past 6½ years. It is a privilege which comes to very few people and it is a very precious privilege indeed.

I hope, as I leave Downing Street this morning, that I can say with some accuracy that the country is in far better shape than it was when I entered Downing Street.

The economy is booming, interest rates are low and inflation is low and unemployment is falling.

The growth pattern is well set, the health service is expanding, the education service is improving and the crime statistics are falling.

All of those I think are benevolent improvements in the interests of all of the people of this country. I believe the incoming government ... to whom I repeat my warm congratulations upon their success ... the incoming government will inherit the most benevolent set of economic statistics of any incoming government since before the First World War.

I hope very much in the interests of the whole British nation that they are successful in retaining this economy in the future.

If I may, I would like to clear up one area of speculation that I know has been abroad a little over the last few days.

I have been a Member of Parliament for 18 years. I have been a member of the Government for 14 years, of the Cabinet for ten years and Prime Minister since 1990. When the curtain falls it is time to get off the stage and that is what I propose to do.

I shall, therefore, advise my parliamentary colleagues that it would be appropriate for them to consider the selection of a new leader of the Conservative Party to lead the party through Opposition through the years that lie immediately ahead.

This will necessarily take a little while to organise. Parliament must meet and the Members of Parliament must make their own consideration of the matter.

Naturally, I shall remain at the service of the party during what I hope will be a reasonably brief interregnum.

I should just like if I may to add one final thought. During the 6½ years I have been in Downing Street there have been innumerable kindnesses from a huge number of people, many of whom I have never met, and never heard from except by way of their individual kindness. I would like to take this opportunity, if I may, to extend my thanks to them and the other millions of people in the British nation who have always given me their trust and the kindnesses to which I referred. I hope you will forgive me if I say no more this morning. I believe, as you know, I have an appointment with Her Majesty the Queen in a few moments to tender my resignation so that a new Government may then be formally appointed.

I propose to see Her Majesty in just a few moments. The second reason I shall say no more now is that after that I hope that Norma and I will be able, with the children, to get to The Oval in time for lunch and for some cricket this afternoon. Thank you all very much indeed.

> ‘When the curtain falls it is time to get off the stage and that is what I propose to do’

BLAIR'S SPEECH

THE following is a text of Tony Blair's speech after he arrived in Downing Street.

Thank you very much indeed. I shall say to you that I have just accepted Her Majesty the Queen's kind offer to form a new administration of government in this country.

I should like to begin if I may by paying tribute to my predecessor John Major for his dignity and his courage over these last few days and for the manner of his leaving, the essential decency of which is the mark of the man and I am pleased to pay tribute to him.

As I stand here before No 10 Downing Street, I know all too well the huge responsibility that is upon me and the great trust that the British people have placed in me.

I know well what this country has voted for today. It is a mandate for new Labour and I say to the people of this country ... we ran for office as new Labour, we will govern as new Labour.

This is not a mandate for dogma or for doctrine, or a return to the past, but it was a mandate to get those things done in our country that desperately need doing for the future of Britain. And this new Labour Government will govern in the interests of all our people — the whole of this nation. That I can promise you. When I became leader of the Labour Party some three years ago I set a series of objectives for the Labour Party. By and large I believe we have achieved them.

Today we have set objectives for a new Labour Government ... a world class education system, in which education is not the privilege of the few but the right of the many in our country. A new Labour Government that remembers that it was a previous Labour Government that formed and fashioned the welfare state and the National Health Service. It was our proudest creation.

It shall be our job and our duty now to modernise it for a modern world, and that we will also do.

We will work in partnership with business to create the dynamic economy, the competitive economy of the future. The one that can meet the challenges of an entirely new century and new age.

And it will be a Government that seeks to restore trust in politics in this country, that cleans it up, that decentralises it, that gives people hope once again that politics is and should be always about the service of the public.

And it shall be a Government, too, that gives this country strength and confidence in leadership both at home and abroad, particularly in respect of Europe.

It shall be a Government rooted in strong values, the values of justice and progress and community, the values that have guided me all my political life.

But a Government ready with the courage to embrace the new ideas necessary to make those values live again for today's world: a Government of practical measures in pursuit of noble causes. That is our objective for the people of Britain. Above all, we have secured a mandate to bring this nation together, to unite us — one Britain, one nation in which our ambition for ourselves is matched by our sense of compassion and decency and duty towards other people. Simple values, but the right ones.

For 18 years — 18 long years — my party has been in Opposition. It could only say; it could not do.

Today we are charged with the deep responsibility of government. Today, enough of talking — it is time now to do.

Thank you.

> ‘As I stand here I know all too well the great trust that the British people have placed in me’

Security men step in as excited crowd welcomes triumphant new Prime Minister and his wife

KIPPA MATTHEWS
SEAN DEMPSEY

The Blairs shake hands with the rapturous crowd outside No 10 after startling their security men with an unscheduled walkabout. Inside, they pause on the stairs before portraits of previous occupants

Blair marches into Downing Street

Bouquets poured in — each one subjected to minute security examination. **Ben Macintyre** reports from Downing Street on new triumph, new danger

TONY BLAIR swept into Downing Street on a tidal wave of triumph yesterday, after the most crushing defeat of a government in living memory. After the final frantic campaigning, the elated celebration on one side and the acceptance of utter defeat on the other, yesterday witnessed a more solemn display of ritual, gallantry and anticipation.

Mr Blair followed John Major to Buckingham Palace, assuming the surrendered mantle of government in a transition of power made with generosity from the victor, and stoic dignity on the part of the vanquished.

Within seconds of Mr Blair setting off on the motorcade to accept the office of Prime Minister, he and his wife Cherie sent security officers scrambling when they made an unscheduled stop and leapt into an ecstatic crowd of their Islington neighbours. Mr Blair's car had rolled 30 ft towards Downing Street when the couple told the driver to stop and began shaking hands with the wildly cheering throng. The spectators were delighted, the men detailed to guard the Blairs rather less so.

Seconds later, a Special Branch officer had gathered up Mrs Blair and all but bundled her back into the car. She appeared ruffled — whether from the evident emotion of the occasion or from her first experience of the massive security now surrounding her and her husband remained unclear. In the park next to the Blairs' home in Islington the police patrolled all night. The bouquets began to flood in — each one minutely examined by security officials.

After walking along Downing Street and greeting a crowd of party workers so excitedly overjoyed that it seemed the new Prime Minister and his wife might be dragged into their midst, Mr Blair paid glowing tribute to his beaten opponent for "his courage over the last few days and the manner of his leaving — the essential decency of which is the mark of man".

Two hours earlier an equally gracious Mr Major had stood on the same spot, wished his successor well and announced his intention to hand over stewardship of his shattered party. "When the curtain falls, it is time to get off the stage and that is what I propose to do," he said. In a characteristic touch, Mr Major added that he would not speak for long, as pressing engagements awaited: lunch at the Oval, and an afternoon watching cricket with his family. He shook the hands of the attending policemen, comfortingly patted that of Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, and departed the home and position he has occupied for 6½ years.

The Queen, the formation of a Cabinet and the challenges of government awaited Mr Blair, but he would not be prevented from greeting his neighbours and well-wishers — that, too, was perhaps a mark of the man.

Their trip to Buckingham Palace completed, the invitation to form an administration proffered by Her Majesty and accepted, Mr and Mrs Blair stopped their car in Whitehall and walked to Number 10 clasping, double-handed, the hands that reached from behind the packed barriers on either side of Downing Street.

Looking pale, but with passionate fervour, Mr Blair sounded again the keynotes of his campaign and emphasised the "huge responsibility that is on me and the great trust" reflected by his huge electoral mandate. He was interrupted by deafening cheers as he pledged to "govern in the interests of all our people, the whole of this nation".

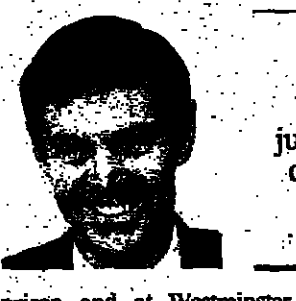
The Blairs gathered their three children and entered Downing Street to meet the applauding staff. The door closed. A new chapter opened.

CHILDREN RETURN TO NO 10

For the first time in nearly 50 years, a Prime Minister's children were preparing to move into 10 Downing Street yesterday. Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn Blair, 9, were given their first glimpse of the living quarters and allowed to inspect their new bedrooms. They will be the first children to live there since Clement Attlee's family left in 1951. The Blair children attended a lunch at Downing Street to celebrate their father's victory.

Welcome to the club where nobody cares who you are

So now you've been elected. But at Westminster you are just another MP and no one has a clue what to do with you, says *Matthew Parris*



YOU'RE IN. You've done it. Everybody back home is proud of you. Nobody at Westminster knows who you are.

Mr, Mrs, Miss or Ms New MP, if you learn nothing else: you are self-employed. Don't wait for someone to give you something useful to do. Nobody ever will.

Neither the Whips, nor Millbank Tower nor Conservative Central Office nor Cowley Street are your employers. They know surprisingly little about you, and care even less.

If you are a Labour victor in a supposedly safe Tory seat then the shock of winning, and the dilemma of telling them at work that you aren't coming back, are about to be followed by the humiliation of discovering that nobody in the Labour Party at Westminster has the least idea who you are. This may be shaming. Even more shaming will be the discovery, in two years' time, that they still don't know who you are.

Arriving for the first time at the House of Commons is sometimes compared with arriving as a new boy or girl at school. The comparison is too kind. It's far scarier than that. I would compare it with being thrown into prison.

At school there are teachers with your welfare at heart, and parents to take you away if it all goes wrong. There is also a course of study with which to occupy yourself. There will be a reading list, and a syllabus, and advice on the school uniform. But in prison and at Westminster nobody has your interest at heart and you cannot run away home to Mum and Dad.

Nor is there anything to do — unless you want to — nor anyone to tell you how to do it. The clerks and officers of the House, who regard MPs as self-important plankton, will smirk and condescend, the policemen will learn your name, and nobody else will take the least notice of you.

If the other prisoners beat you up there's little point whining to the warders — or the whips. They will learn to recognise you, eventually, and if you give them trouble they will hurt you back. Apart from that, you are of no use or interest to them and must sink or swim on your own.

To be honest, they would rather you sank: obedient nonentities suit them best and, so long as your depression does not lead to anything embarrassing like suicide, they are content for you to languish. Your chances of a job in the next two years are close to zero.

Accept, then, that you're on *your own*. Accept that all your new colleagues are, too. Understand that to make waves you have to be prepared to make trouble.

You're on parade. As the returning officer read out his declaration, your private life suddenly acquired a new status. It became a matter of public interest. Have you lied about your O levels? *The Sun* may find you out. Whom did you snog behind the bicycle sheds at school in 1978? She or he may soon have a story to sell. That attractive young thing who returns your glance at a constituency do ... beware. He or she may be wired for sound by the *News of the World*.

Do not snap at the bus conductor: it could be right round the constituency within weeks. Watch the speed limits: how would a traffic conviction look in the local paper? Your principled stand in the House on the settlement rights of the inhabitants of St Helena will pass in your constituency almost without comment, but those stains on your trousers: people will notice, you know; people will talk. When did you last shave? Is your tie tasteful? Are your flies done up? Is your skirt caught in your knickers? Are there holes in your shoes? Do you want people to whisper: "She looked a mess"?

Talk too animatedly to Mrs Green and you may make a lifelong enemy of her rival for the chair of the ward branch, Mr Brown. Attend the Methodist Church and you will raise eyebrows among the Anglicans. Attend the Anglican Church and you may lose support among the Methodists. Attend no church at all, and some people will notice.

Another glass of brandy? It would be nice, but you know what they'll say. A third pint at the pub on Sunday? Better not. Eat that dreadful Bakewell pudding: the influential and touchy Mrs Grey made it. Never swear in Ashford-in-the-Water. Never be without a handkerchief. Never break wind in the presence of your constituents: the story will become a legend.

Yet, though it's been a hard slog and though there are years — maybe a lifetime — of hard slog to come, still your achievement is in a different order of things from a promotion at work, because *they can't take this away from you.*

Soon you will be standing at that dispatch box and taking that oath of allegiance. Then you place after your name those two small, glorious letters: "MP". Call it vainglorious, call it silly, but somehow that swells the breast as surely as will anything you actually *do* with the job.

Finchley takes winner by surprise

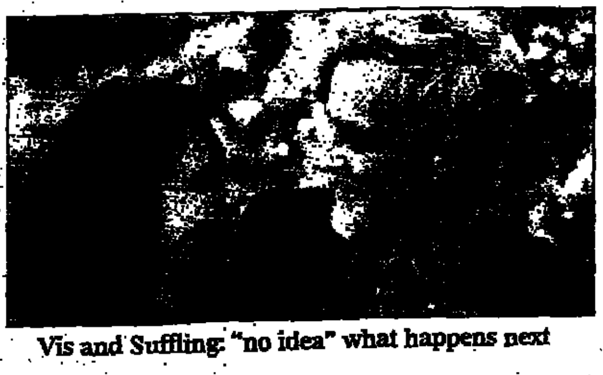
By Joanna Bale

RUDI VIS admits that he is still in "absolute shock" after winning Margaret Thatcher's former stronghold of Finchley, north London, with a 15.1 per cent swing to Labour.

Like many Labour candidates in supposedly "safe" Conservative seats, the 56-year-old Dutch-born university lecturer never expected to win and says *his first* feeling as the result came in at 3am was *not delight* but one of distinct trouble.

***He explained*: "I never really planned what I would *do if* I was elected because I did not think it would happen," he said. "I believe that people should be full-time MPs but I have many commitments which I cannot easily abandon. It's going to be very difficult to sort things out."**

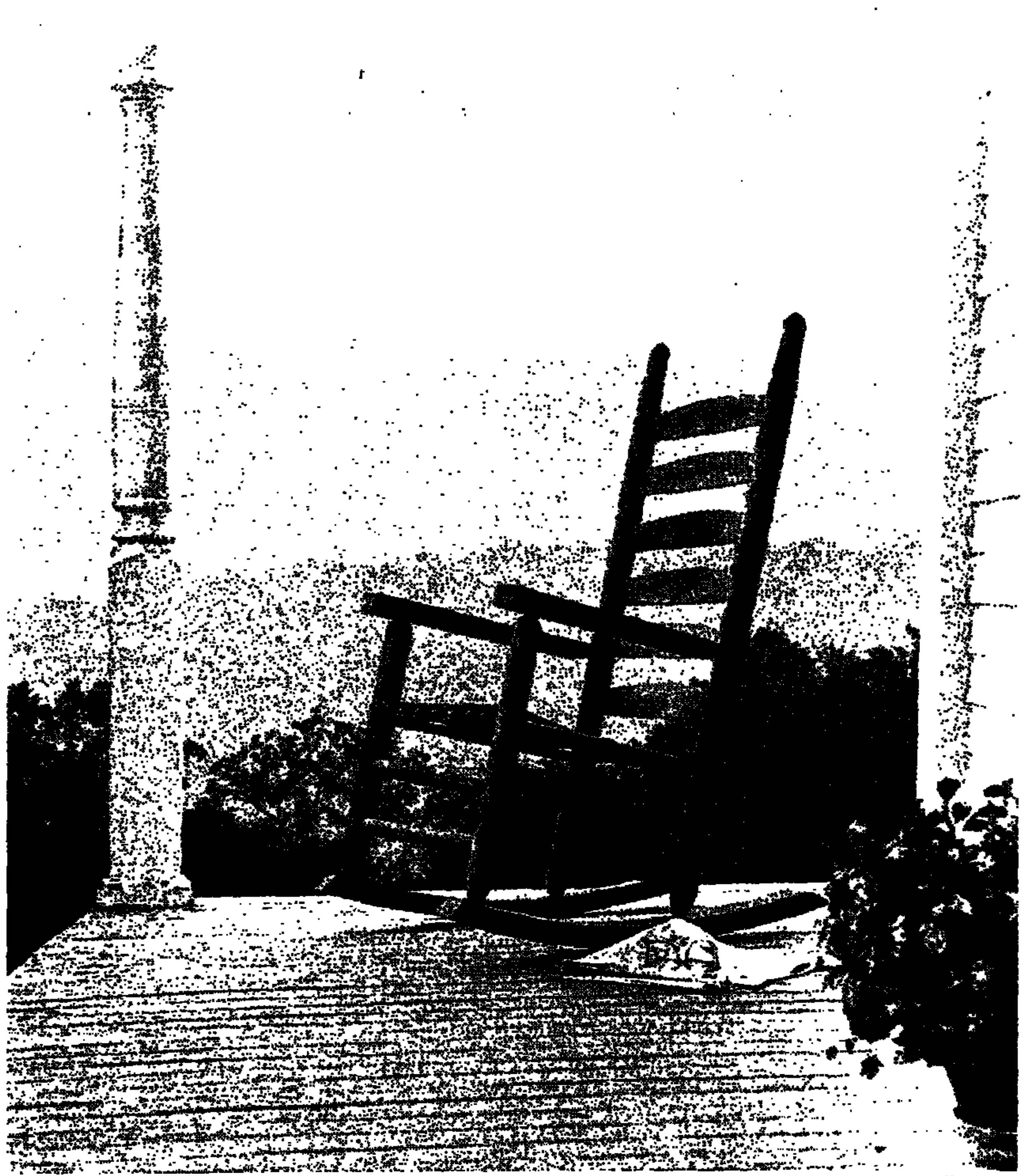
Mr Vis, a principal economics lecturer at the University of East London, feels he cannot abandon his students until the end of term. He is also a councillor *for* Barnet, north London, where *there* is no overall control. He said: "Another Labour councillor in Barnet is in the same position and if we both resign we would have a minority. *I* really don't know what we will do."


Vis and Suffling: "no idea" what happens next

***Jacqui Suffling*, 34, his partner of ten years, is *equally stunned at the prospect* of being an MP's "wife". A full-time mother with twin boys aged 2½, she admitted that she and Mr Vis *had never really discussed* the practicalities of winning the seat.**

The couple are overwhelmed at the thought that once "true-blue" Finchley has become a Labour seat for the first time despite boundary changes taking in parts of Hendon which, according to Mr Vis, should not have disadvantaged the Tories.

Mr Vis, who has never stood for Parliament before, said he had "no idea" what would happen next. "I have received *thousands of* pieces of information from Tony Blair's office over the past few weeks but not one about what I am supposed to do now. I hope they send it soon."



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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

Inside Tony Blair's trusted circle

The American journalist **Sidney Blumenthal** on the final days of the Labour leadership's pursuit of power

TWENTY-TWO hours before the election, the Labour high command was thrown into a perplexed state by the political situation. In the vast open space of the second floor of Millbank Tower, Peter Mandelson stood up from his desk and walked to a television set stationed at the top of a pillar. The Labour master of media wanted to stand closer to it, as though peering at it from a shorter range might somehow make the news clearer. A few yards away, around a bank of desks and filing cabinets, Philip Gould clutched reams of polling data in one hand, a telephone in another, and darted about.

These Labour politicos had made every preparation for a struggle to the death, unto the final hour. The anxiety of impending defeat had been traced into their psychology so that it had become almost a second nature. They had learnt, time and again, that the arrival of the sensation that they might be reaching the safe haven was the ultimate signal of doom. Good news, especially close to election day, had the effect of triggering their instinctive dread. The result of this almost hormonal reaction was Tony Blair's statement the following day: Britain is not a landslide country. He was sounding more than a cautionary note to ward off complacency. His line of the day was an oddly unfiltered observation, giving vent to the collective unconscious of his circle.

Everyone in Millbank seemed to make a point of reassuring each other that all was calm. Typically, the remark was accompanied by the shaking of the head, nervous laughter and wide, surprised eyes. Somehow, they felt that their calmness might undo the arduous efforts to reform the Labour Party and to secure victory; their tranquillity might prompt them to drop their guard; their equipoise might prevent them from making the final cut and thrust. They worried that their own mood might betray them.

The team assembled in Millbank worked minute by minute to dominate the political environment. An editor at a newspaper was spoken to sharply about the character of an anti-Blair headline that had not yet seen print. A Labour figure who desperately wanted to voice his own controversial views was admonished to stay on message. The churning was constant.

But, from the Tories, there was nothing of consequence demanding a rapid response. For all the Labourites' plans, they now faced the one thing they had not counted on: the implosion of the opposition. The formidable political operation that had whipped Labour at every turn had turned on itself. Major's assemblage of Brutuses was the obverse of Blair's circle. The last few days of the Tory campaign resembled nothing so much as the dramatic conclusion of *The Treasure of Sierra Madre*, in which the Confederates wrestle in the dust while their gold blows away. Too busy grappling with each other, the Conservatives managed to snipe at Labour only as an afterthought. The Labour campaign staffers wondered how they could create a compelling story in the absence of any meaningful partisan clash. The anticlimax was the unexpected climax.

The Millbank operation was organised along lines learnt from the campaigns of Bill Clinton. A flow chart depicting the 1992 Clinton campaign and its organisational method of responding to Republican attacks, in fact, was openly posted in the room. But the obvious application of the American model was something of a miscue in explaining the inner circle gathered around Tony Blair for the campaign.

Millbank was more than the political side of new Labour's modernisation. It also represented a physical compression of Blair's world. The second floor was an ingathering of many of the significant people in his life. Rather than coming and going through his office, phoning in or meeting him at this place or that, they were all concentrated at one point.

Blair's inner group is neither a collection of functionaries nor a sect, but closer to a family. The titles people held in the campaign, or hold in the Government, only barely begin to indicate who is really who. Mandelson, for example, is not just a junior minister. The personal assistant, Anji Hunter, is more than an assistant; the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, more than his lofty position; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, more than a manager of the economy.

Blair's circle is a tight unit with respected demarcations of roles, but it does not operate like a standard bureaucracy. Every member has helped to advance Blair's victory, but while the leader is paid deference, none feels inhibited from strongly arguing his or her point of view. Blair is the central figure around which everything revolves, but what flows around him is not a court. Members do not rate their status by a fluctuating market of favour. No one is lavished with attention one day and banished to outer darkness the next. Caprice never enters. The circle around Blair has been building since he was a teenager, and it has been a steady group over the two and a half years since his election as party leader.

The backstory, as they say in Hollywood, is essential. Anji Hunter is Blair's oldest friend, who attended a girls' school near Blair's. They both had rebellious streaks and from the start became each others confidants. She is his private focus group on Middle England, but that understates her position. She also offers Blair acute and instant judgments on who to see and when, how to react to breaking political events and how to handle hot situations. The most important thing about their relationship is that it has never changed.

Alexander Irvine is a Scottish lord, an old Labour hand and was the best friend of John Smith. Blair was his law pupil at The Temple. It was there that Blair fell in love with Lord Irvine's other pupil, Cherie Booth. When Smith died and Blair was catapulted into the leadership, the relationship was altered. The pupil had risen above his mentor. But, with Blair's rise, Irvine was allowed to become a complete moderniser.

Irvine remains the tutor, still called almost daily for his incisive mind and prudence. Blair trusts him implicitly.

Smith's death was a crossroads. While Irvine was plunged into mourning, he was also plunged into helping Blair to manage his campaign for party leader. His putative opponent was Gordon Brown, who is Blair's fraternal political twin. Both arrived in Parliament after the Labour disaster of 1983, shared an office and began plotting the party's change. Brown was slightly older politically and intellectually, and with an air of gravity. But Blair's effort to seize the party leadership was so swift and sweeping that Brown swallowed his ambition and never even ran for the job he thought should be his. He is the older brother who is surpassed, but reconciled.

Brown, however, may retain some suspicion of another member of the circle, Peter Mandelson, who, as the party's media strategist and moderniser, gave early star billing to both Blair and Brown. Mandelson is an hereditary loyalist and partisan — his grandfather was the deputy prime minister Herbert Morrison — and in the leadership contest he tipped his loyalty to Blair. Brown is a Calvinist to whom nothing comes easily. He sometimes looks sideways at Mandelson's political fluidity. It is a case of the assiduous and the sinuous. Mandelson, however, is embraced by Blair for more than his devotion.

He is loved by Blair, for his wit, charm, frankness, and warmth. In the Blair household, he is Uncle Peter.

Philip Gould, the political strategist and keeper of the polls, has a long history with Blair in the struggle to change the party. Like Blair, Brown and Mandelson, Gould was a supporter of Neil Kinnock but more modern. Gould has a fertile mind, impatience with smugness and the most direct experience with Clinton campaigns. (In Millbank, Gould shared his desk with Stan Greenberg, the President's pollster in 1992, whom he recruited.) Sent into the wilderness by Smith, who regarded the methods of contemporary campaigns as black arts, Gould was returned to the fold by Blair.

Alastair Campbell, the press secretary, is a former political editor of *The Daily Mirror* who joined Blair's outfit in 1994. He and his partner, Fiona Millar, are intense loyalists and close to the Blairs as a couple.

Jonathan Powell is an hereditary civil servant who was introduced to Blair by Mandelson. One brother was Margaret Thatcher's chief of staff; another brother produced advertising for Labour campaigns, working with Gould. Powell gave up a posting in the British Embassy in Washington to work for Blair. His job at the Embassy required that he travel with the Clinton campaign in 1992. He brought with him a portfolio of contacts.

But Powell won his way into the circle by his utter professionalism and loyalty.

Blair's circle has been intact for far longer than Clinton's was when he was elected. Only a few members of Clinton's entourage were intimate friends of his. For the most part, they were political operatives assembled for the campaign. Their binding experience was the Democratic Party primaries, a relentless series of tightly spaced elections, in state after state, under the glare of a sensationalist media. For Labour, the binding experience has been the long campaign to reform the party. This, more than the six-week campaign that has just ended, was the equivalent of American primaries.

In Millbank, Mandelson sat next to Hunter. Gould was in an alcove behind them.

Brown was lodged in the next office. Irvine wended his way among the desks. Up a short flight of stairs, Campbell guarded Blair's door. And near the back of the room, Powell plotted the early events of the Blair government. His brain was assigned in advance to 10 Downing Street.

The day before the election, the entourage dispersed from Millbank; late on election night they reunited amid the throng at Royal Festival Hall. As Tory after Tory succumbed, full-throated cheers went up as though from a crowd at a Roman arena. None of Blair's circle had expected to win the largest majority since the Second World War. Surrounded now by that majority, well-wishers and those attracted by the scent of power, this circle had been through almost everything together. Other rings might form around them, but this one is impenetrable. None of them would return to Millbank, though it would remain an operational centre. The next day they moved to a place they had never been before: the Government.

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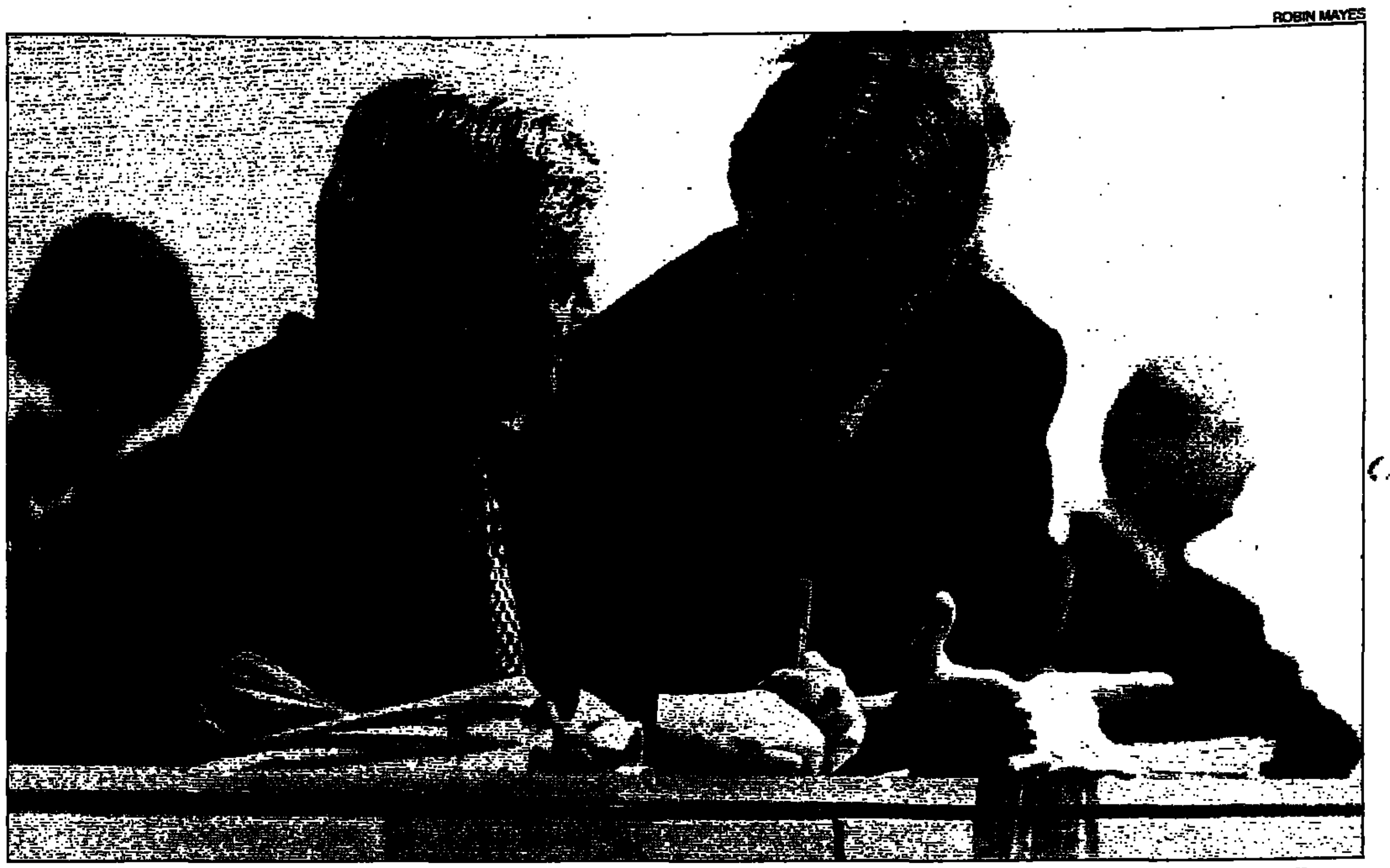
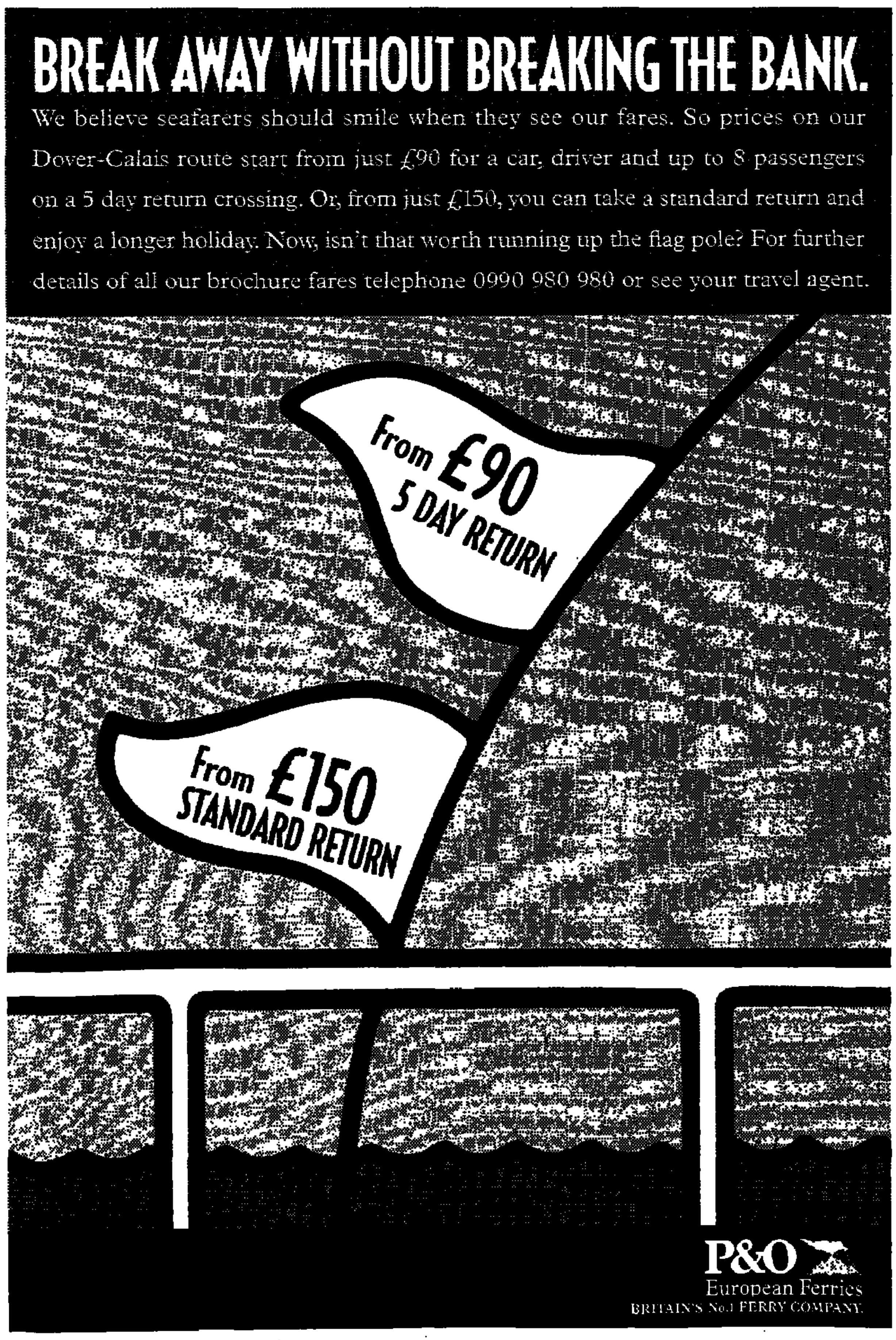


ROBIN MAYES

More than a press secretary: the intensely loyal Alastair Campbell, right, a member of the inner circle, pushing the party line to a journalist



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Labour's puritanical tendency kept fizz bottled to the end

Ben Macintyre on the political transformation evident since the Kinnock era

IN 1992, just a few days after the last general election, I left Britain to work as a foreign correspondent for *The Times*, first in New York and latterly in Paris. Four weeks ago I came back as a temporary addition to *The Times's* election team. In the five intervening years I had set foot in the country only rarely and briefly.

The perspective of two elections so far apart may be a peculiar one, but it has proved a remarkable vantage point from which to survey the utter transformation of the Labour Party, the seismic shift in the electoral landscape and this very changed nation.

When I departed Britain in 1992 Labour was a discredited, self-recriminatory shambles. From the moment I climbed aboard the Tony Blair battle bus, it was clear that the rawness of the Kinnock years, that musty rancour and air of defeatism that I remembered so vividly, had been quite scrubbed away. The croissants were almond-flavoured; the itinerary minute-exact; the attendants polite but firm; the windows on Mr Blair's bus, rolling along a few hundred yards ahead of us, were tinted.

Throughout our weeks on the road, Mr Blair always remained a figure in the middle-distance, carefully held just beyond reach. Like a bottle of champagne, you sensed the fizz building behind the glass but could never see it or judge it until, on Thursday night, it exploded.

The Labour strategy was simple and inspired: orchestrated boredom. The buses went to 65 constituencies, covering 9,000 miles, religiously lowering expectations and sowing seeds of uncertainty to ensure the largest possible crop of votes. This was negative campaigning of a new sort. No errors, no risks, no complacency. It was the singular achievement of new Labour to saturate itself so thoroughly in its own caution, that when the time came to celebrate many appeared to have forgotten how.

The press followed Mr Blair up and down the country, but we were so busy waiting for wobble, we barely heard the rumble of the juggernaut. We listened to jazz bands and stand-up comics. Mr Blair met the people, and we watched from behind metal pens, his words piped back to us by mobile microphone. We got to see all the changing colours of Mr Blair's campaign, from red to pastel to purple, but never the whites of his eyes.

For accompanying journalists the campaign was frustrating. There was not a leak, not a gaffe, not a fumble. Save for a bout of verbal jousting over devolution in Glasgow — the one time Mr Blair seemed rattled — there was no pack questioning, no impromptu doorstepping or off-the-cuffery that is food and drink to a travelling press pack, and anathema to the spin-doctor.

We learnt, with some envy, of the hilarities aboard the Conservative campaign buses, of the easy access to John Major and the gallows humour. We were trained to be more puritan. There was no whiff of illegal substances on the Blair bus. There were not many jokes either. After a few days, it seemed, the strait-laced atmosphere was beginning to rub off on us. The slovenly assortment of hacks grew oddly tidy. Several had haircuts. I bought a tie.

Fed on a diet of pure spin and squidgy rolls, we became lean, a little starved and faintly paranoid. In the middle of one flight Mr Blair, usually confined to the front of the plane, appeared in our midst and was immediately set upon. "I did actually want to go to the loo," he said. After he had returned to his seat, one weary photographer wondered: "Should we go and take a picture of the bathroom to see if he's wiped the hand basin, like you're supposed to?"

We searched Mr Blair's face for signs of uncertainty, of stress. I saw none, only adrenalin fighting fatigue, and tight-lipped resolution. If the spinners were controlling us, Mr Blair was controlling himself. Mr Blair's speeches were models of terse emphasis, hammering away at the same themes, day after day. He bored us to distraction but I strongly doubt he bored anyone else.

The Labour leader repeatedly referred to his re-created party as a "disciplined and efficient fighting force" and there was something of the military forced march in this experience. Humourless, impersonal, rigid and repetitive, the Labour campaign was, nonetheless, a masterpiece: consistent, crisp and relentless. There was no real story, so the press had no choice but to pass on the messages, contained in simple bite-sized lumps, easy to remember, painfully hard to forget. The day after the election, I cannot think of a single memorable Tory slogan. Mr Blair's tom-tom phrases, delivered with identical earnestness at every stop, I shall carry to the grave. "Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime," we chanted, brainlessly, at the back of the bus.

My head spinning with spin, I took time off and wandered the country. Away from people telling me what to write, when to eat and always to "hurry up" I found a very different atmosphere from the one I had experienced in 1992.

In my five years away a new looseness had entered Britain's political joints, creating a kaleidoscope that would resolve itself into the Labour landslide but which, from a distance, seemed to dance and mutate before the eyes. I found Labour-voting Cornish fishermen sharing a bed in the Referendum Party with the littlest of Little Englanders in plus-fours; old-style shire Tories speaking the language of new Labour like natives; people of every political shade anxious about our future in Europe.

The pundits were right, in a way, for it was those famous "shy Tories" wot won it. They were shy not of telling us that they secretly planned to vote Conservative, but of declaring how viscerally they loathed the Tory party and wanted to see it humiliated and dead.

We still stage better and madder elections than anyone else. I watched Kenneth Clarke sipping whisky in a Welsh distillery while being lectured by a seven-foot plastic monk. I smoked cigarettes with the Speaker of the House of Commons and saw John Prescott trying to cuddle a bullock. John Redwood wore a white coat and a funny look; several people wore chicken suits; everyone wore a silly hat. I had forgotten quite how pronounced is our national talent for eccentricity, how much we love to lower our dignity. Perhaps that was what had made the Blair campaign seem so novel, almost foreign: the avid protection of dignity, the studious avoidance of eccentricity.

As the Royal Festival Hall in London suddenly transformed itself into a vast discotheque and the rugby player Brian Moore began dancing alongside Trevor Nunn to the tune of *Things Can Only Get Better*, a group of American political consultants could be found in avid discussion. If Mr Blair had taken his cue from the two Clinton campaigns, they said, after this week America would be looking back across the Atlantic.

Eighteen years; five more years; six weeks of campaigning; 72 hours to save the Union; 24 hours left — the countdown had been agonisingly slow but when the change finally came it arrived, somehow, unexpectedly. A group of Labour campaign workers, still wearing dazed and shocked expressions, stood by the Thames and stared into the dawn.

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Labour must show it has the courage for Lords reform

The test of Blair's radicalism will be his plans for the hereditary peerage, **Anthony Howard** writes

"THEY died with their drawn salaries in their hands" — Lloyd George's savage epitaph on the Balfour Government of 1905 is probably too brutal to fit easily into Tony Blair's verbal repertoire. Yet there remains a sense in which John Major's decision to postpone the election until the last possible moment — and along the way to subject the public to the most interminable campaign in modern political history — has provided the new Prime Minister with his moment of *maximum opportunity*.

Certainly Mr Blair will never again be as powerful as he is this weekend. Although he is not a great student of political history — the only politician's biography he seems to have read recently is *John Wilson's 25-year-old life* of Campbell-Bannerman — the young man of 43 who entered Downing Street yesterday afternoon is quite shrewd enough to know *what* pitfalls lie ahead.

In the forefront of his mind *should* be the example of Harold Wilson, who reached the pinnacle of his popularity in March 1966 when — admittedly at the second, rather *than the first, time of asking* — he attained an overall parliamentary majority of 97. But from that moment on, the political roof fell in. Just three months later, at *the time* of what were known as "the July measures", the second Wilson Government was already in terminal trouble.

A more propitious precedent, from Mr Blair's point of view, is that of the Attlee Government of 1945, which, in marked contrast to Wilson's, never lost a single by-election. But the Attlee Government also made its fair share of mistakes. It went, *for* example, for the easy trophies first: measures such as the token nationalisation of the Bank of *England in 1946 or the state* rescue, with generous compensation for their owners, of the bankrupt coalmines in 1947. The tougher issues it tended to leave until far too late. By the time it went before the electorate again in 1950 it had not succeeded in taking the steel industry into public ownership. And it had not managed to do so because of the root-and-branch opposi*tion of the hereditary peers.*

Nationalisation may today be a dead issue, but the acid test of Mr Blair's own much-proclaimed "radicalism" will lie in what, with his enormous popular and parliamentary majority behind him, he resolves to do about reforming the Lords. If he ducks and weaves on the question — and keeps the issue of abolishing the hereditary element (a pledge he had inherited from John Smith) out of his first Queen's Speech — *then he will* simply be repeating the errors of the Attlee Government (which should have attempted to clip the Lords' powers long before it actually did so with the Parliament Act of 1949).

The matter is probably an especially pressing one for this Labour Government since, wisely or not, it has already bound itself hand and foot on the economic questions that *normally dominate* a new administration's arrival in power. The international money markets did not bat an eyelid at yesterday's transformation scene in British politics — and that, no doubt, was because what they saw in front *of them was a government of* Labour men and Tory measures. How could they detect anything else when, well ahead of the election, Gordon Brown had already decided to underwrite for two whole years Kenneth Clarke's reve*nue forecasts* and *public* spending limits?

If there is to be any cutting edge at all to this new Government, it looks as if it will have to be in the constitutional, rather than the economic, arena. But for Mr Blair to do even *that* may go *against* the grain. In the election he did what all successful political leaders have to do: he built an entirely new political coalition, *just as Franklin Roosevelt did* in the United States in 1932, Ronald Reagan in 1980 and Margaret Thatcher, for that matter, in Britain in 1979. But the trouble with that kind of achievement is that those who pull it off tend afterwards to be reluctant to put their own handiwork at risk.

Above anything else, Mr Blair now needs to show that he is not shy of causing offence — and if the first group to be offended should turn out to be those whom Lloyd George once immortally called "a body of some 500 men chosen *at random from amongst the* ranks of the unemployed", then so much the better for those of us who actually aspire to a sense of history. It would be a *pretty poor lookout*, after all, if a freshly minted Labour Prime Minister in 1997 proved to lack the guts even of a Liberal radical in 1909.

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GILL ALLEN

The Rev Peter Thomson met Tony Blair at Oxford. They have been friends ever since, and Mr Thomson travelled from Australia *to be here* for the campaign

Have faith in Blair, urges Anglican ally

The new Prime Minister's *message is a spiritual one*, says the Australian clergyman who has been one of his closest friends for 25 years. **Ruth Gledhill** met him

THE Rev Peter Thomson, the Anglican clergyman who introduced Tony Blair to Christian Socialism, is ecstatic but anxious in victory.

"There is so much to be said ... to tell people that this is for real, that they can trust this bloke," he said. "There is a pulse of hope among the people of Britain, so evident in the vote."

Mr Thomson, 61, is the *radical, Australian-born* Anglican clergyman who helped to lay the foundations of the Prime Minister's faith during their time together at Oxford. Twenty-five years later, the bonds of faith, loyalty and friendship are *stronger than ever*.

They are close. He has flown halfway around the world to work in England during this crucial time, but has rarely spoken publicly about their friendship.

Mr Thomson wanted people to understand the integrity of Mr Blair's faith and values. "Something happened yesterday. People said we need a fresh start. They said 'No' *to the polarisation* of the past. They said, 'Let's work together for the common good, to build a more civilised society.' These are spiritual concepts. Listening to Blair talk after his victory — that was a spiritual message."

Mr Thomson said: "I do not feel proud. I feel part of something that is important for our future as human *beings." He conceded to* being radical, but this was not revolutionary stuff that would scare a wavering Tory voter. "Radicalism is about getting to the roots of an idea. That would be Tony's definition of radicalism too."

He *talked* of democracy built around freedom, equality and fraternity. He said: "Let's use the words solidarity, community, belonging, stakeholder."

All, in his view, were underpinned by friendship. "When a person is in a state of friendship, two things happen. They choose to be in *that state, so there is freedom* of choice. And they are equal, because they accept each other as equals."

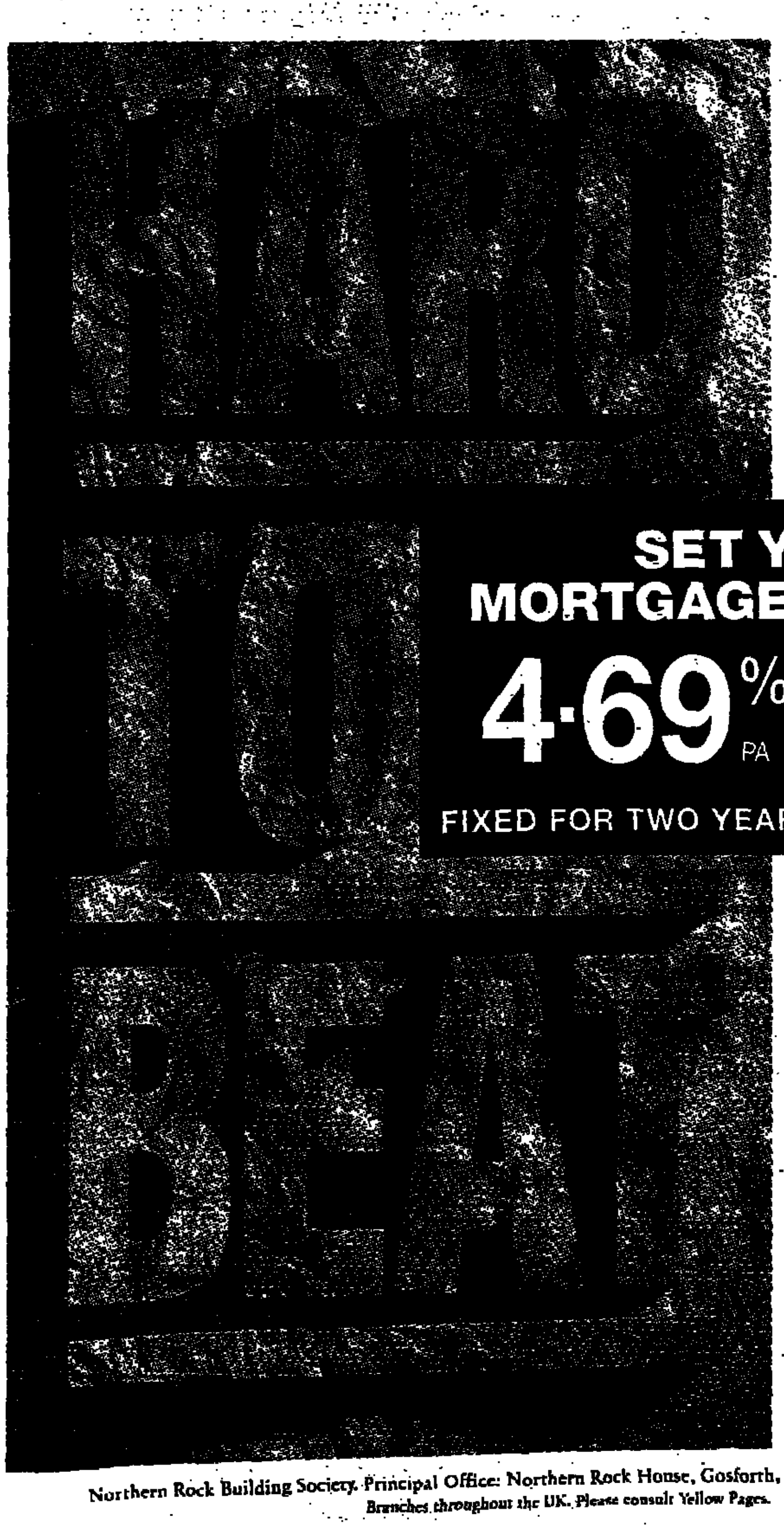
The Blairs visited Mr Thomson in Australia in 1982, shortly after they married, and again with Gordon *Brown in 1990*, when Mr Thomson headed the Anglican University College in Adelaide. Mr Thomson and his wife, Helen, paid a return visit in June 1995.

"Friendship is the highest form of human existence and *is so important* in the fare of human existence that it requires no justification beyond itself," *he said*. "You actually know God at the moment of friendship." It was this friendship that made him want to be in *Britain at this crucial time* and he took up a tempoarary post at St Luke's, Holloway.

In his victory speech, Mr Blair spoke of his desire to *apply* values *such* as common sense. Mr Thomson echoed that. "We have got to come to a common mind about the way we think, about what common sense represents."

The notion of community, *he said, should* not be confused with collectivism. "Collectivism is using people as things, not as persons. State socialism is the absolute ex*ample of that*."

Mr Blair, he said, "holds all the values of socialism that most people in society would hold. But one of the things socialism never really came to grips with was the entrepreneurial spirit." He quoted the parable of the talents. "If you hide your shilling under the ground ... There is nothing wrong with having life and having it more *abundantly*."



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Few hearts brave enough to challenge devolution

Magnus Linklater argues that the opposition to Labour is too weak to challenge proposals for home rule in Scotland and Wales

NOWHERE does the lack of a credible opposition to the new Labour Government pose more urgent questions than on devolution to Scotland and Wales.

Here is a major piece of legislation, fundamentally altering the constitution of the United Kingdom, which would, in other circumstances, have been subjected to ferocious debate on the floor of the House of Commons.

It will be the first and most far-reaching of Labour's new Bills. Party managers have already indicated that in order to get their Scottish and Welsh referendum proposals onto the statute books within a year, they plan to deal with them as they would any non-constitutional Bill, with a second reading on the floor of the Commons and the committee stage taken by a standing committee of MPs.

Normally, this would have invited robust opposition and intense scrutiny of what is by any standards a Bill of major dimensions. But there are no Scottish or Welsh Tory MPs to do the job: no Michael Forsyth, with his detailed knowledge of Scottish funding, and his barrack-room debating style; no Malcolm Rifkind, with his legal expertise; no Ian Lang, with his Board of Trade background.

The nearest thing to a Conservative opposition will have to come from William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, and, perhaps, David Maclean, the right-wing Scot who sought re-election in Penrith and the Border.

But will even they want to do it? Already there are indications that the remaining Conservative MPs in the Commons may not wish to oppose a measure which has so clearly been endorsed by the electorates in Wales and Scotland.

The Tories' robust defence of the Union in the election campaign contributed in large measure to their humiliation in Scotland and Wales. Why court yet more unpopularity by delaying or obstructing a reform which is urgently wanted?

That leaves the Liberal Democrats, the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru to do the job. Yesterday, the SNP leader Alex Salmond laid claim to the title of official opposition party in Scotland.

Despite the fact that his party gained only two seats, giving a total of six, he argued that the 22 per cent popular support it won gave it the moral and constitutional right to the role. The Liberal Democrats laughed that off.

They pointed out that, despite having won only 12 per cent of the popular vote, they had ten seats. Jim Wallace, their Scottish leader, made clear that they were Her Majesty's Opposition in Scotland. It is a nice irony that a party so wedded to reforming the voting system should be using the first-past-the-post system to argue their case.

None of this provides a proper opposition at Westminster. The SNP and Plaid Cymru have said they will unite to demand a multi-option referendum, with independence added to the ballot paper. The Liberal Democrats will try to have the second of Labour's two questions in Scotland removed, the one demanding tax-raising powers for a Scottish parliament.

But none of them has a chance of altering Labour's position, and they know it. Neither will want to delay the Bill for fear of enraging their countrymen. Its rapid passage is guaranteed and its far-reaching proposals will be unscrutinised in any detail.

Unless the Lords step in: Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former Lord Chancellor, has already indicated, in a letter to *The Times*, that he believes it to be the duty of the Upper House to do the Commons's job for it. So important is the legislation, he argues, that the Lords would be failing in its duty if it did not subject it to line-by-line examination. He maintains that the Salisbury Convention, which prevents the Lords from frustrating legislation which has won the support of the electorate, would not apply. But he, too, runs the risk of outraging public opinion.

So comprehensive has been the endorsement of the devolution proposals that the Lords might well hesitate before delaying their introduction. Their Lordships will not wish to run the risk of hastening their own demise. Nothing would play more into the hands of the reformers than an obstructive House opposing a popular measure.

It was Mr Forsyth, in the final day of campaigning, who predicted that a hostile Treasury would insist on clawing back up to £2.5 billion from Scotland's budget once a parliament was in place. It was he who said that to remove a Scottish Secretary would deprive Scotland of its voice in the Cabinet. And it was he who predicted that devolution would finish Scotland as a prosperous nation.

Big issues, big questions. But where will they be confronted, and where will they be asked?

CHRIS CLARK

Gone fishing: the defeat of Michael Forsyth removes a critic of devolution plans. His announcement that he is leaving politics will give him and his wife Susan more time to spend on Loch Ard, near their Aberfoyle home

Forsyth deals with defeat by quitting politics

By Magnus Linklater

MICHAEL FORSYTH, the former Secretary of State for Scotland, announced yesterday that he was standing down from political life after his sensational defeat at Stirling early yesterday.

"It is very unlikely that for the foreseeable future I will be involved in politics, although I will remain a member of the party here in Scotland and will do anything I can to assist in advancing the Unionist cause," he said.

His decision, which followed a quiet morning spent fishing for trout near his home in Aberfoyle, came as the Tory party contemplated its "obliteration" in Scotland. Mr Forsyth used the word himself yesterday.

"It has been a very bad day for the Conservatives," he said, urging the party not to abandon its principles but to rally round the Unionist cause. Despite the fact that this policy helped to consign the party to the wilderness, leaving it with no representatives north of the border — no MPs, no MEPs, not one local council — he was in no mood for compromise.

"You do not go into an election campaign driven by convictions and principle and then immediately afterwards say, 'Everything we told you was wrong'," he said. "I believe passionately that a tax-raising parliament will damage Scotland's pulic funding, will damage the Union, and lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom."

He repeated his promise that he would not serve in what he has called "a pigmy parliament" and said that the Scots would soon realise that they had opted for an unworkable system.

His valedictory message to the nation was thus unchanged, but desperately bleak for those he has left to pick up the pieces. What he was announcing in effect was: dump the party's unionist principles at your peril; stick to the status quo; have nothing to do with those who advocate the devolutionist tendency. For a party that has stuck to these policies, only to see itself wiped out, it did not leave much to work on. But already some other messages are beginning to filter through.

Scottish Tories who hold less extreme views are beginning to set out a strategy on which to rebuild. It starts at the grass roots. They recognise that without any council representation, their task is well-nigh impossible. The first step will be to rebuild these local structures.

They will begin to stand back from extreme pro-Unionism, while emphasising the separateness of the party's Scottish organisation from its English counterpart. David McLetchie, the organisation's president, said they would look hard at Labour's White Paper on devolution before deciding what final view to take — a far less hard-line approach than Mr Forsyth's.

When it comes to campaigning on the Government's referendum Bill, they are likely to restrict themselves to pointing out anomalies in the legislation rather than opposing a "Yes" vote root and branch.

TORIES SCOTLAND

Then, if Scots do vote with a double "yes" this autumn — to a Scottish parliament and to tax-raising powers — they may contemplate the great U-Turn that would place the party back in the centre of Scottish political life.

Labour is watching this emerging debate with the keenest interest. Its party managers are likely to invite Tory waverers to support rather than to oppose a Scottish parliament, so as to gain that part in the mainstream of Scottish politics. The system of proportional representation to which Labour has agreed would give the Tories a healthy number of Scottish MPs in Edinburgh. It is a tempting proposition.

All of this would doubtless have Mr Forsyth rotating in the grave of his political career. Perhaps, like Dracula, he will push open the lid of the coffin and return to terrorise the natives — to say nothing of his party. For the time being, he is content, as he said himself, to "get a life again".

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Politicians who hijacked campaign from Conservative Central Office are blamed for poll disaster

Tory strategists have the knives out for Clarke

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

AS THE post-mortem examination into the Tory election disaster begins, the knives are out at Conservative Central Office for the politicians, led by Kenneth Clarke, who hijacked the campaign.

Conservative strategists disclosed yesterday that they knew the campaign was doomed to failure from the start because of the Government's record since 1992. "It would have taken a miracle," one said.

The campaign was marked by bouts of infighting between John Major and Central Office over a series of negative advertisements aimed at Tony Blair. Lord Saatchi, head of the advertising team, was so taken aback at his work being turned down that he blamed Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman. "He could not bring himself to criticise the Prime Minister, whom he liked, for turning down his work," an advertising source said. "The politicians had taken over from the experts."

John Major leaving No 10 for the last time

Dr Mawhinney was accused by some of his detractors of taking too long to make a decision. In 1992, strategy decisions were made by groups of six people. This time, the chairman's meetings often had 20 people around the table. "There was too much trial by committee," another official said.

Neil Hamilton is also an object of loathing at Central Office. As sleaze dominated the early part of the campaign, an increasingly desperate Dr Mawhinney sent Robin Hodgson, chairman of the National Union, the voluntary wing of the party, to Tatton to try to persuade the local party officers to dump Mr Hamilton. When that appeal failed, Dr Mawhinney made a dramatic 11th hour appeal to Mr Hamilton days before nominations closed. It was in vain.

John Major's decision to put Europe at the heart of the campaign was warmly endorsed by Central Office but opposed by Kenneth Clarke. It exposed a weakness in the Tory argument. "Major was arguing against a federal Europe but in favour of wait and see on a single currency, the sacred cow of the federalists. The message was confused," a Central Office insider said.

It is Mr Clarke for whom most Central Office venom is reserved. His refusal to rule out a single currency was at the heart of the Tory revolt over Europe. He was described as a malign influence by strategists because he poured cold water on European issues John Major and Dr Mawhinney believed could be turned against Labour.

SIMON WALKER

Norma Major, flanked by her children, Elizabeth and James, leaving No 10 yesterday after her husband had resigned as Tory party leader

Lord Saatchi, one of the "three musketeers", had earlier in the year argued for a big campaign, backed by Central Office, targeted at Labour's support for the social chapter. But the plan never made it to Mr Major's desk. Besides, the former chancellor would have vetoed it. Posters, advertisements, and campaigns strong on anti-Brussels rhetoric went the same way. "There was no sense in pursuing European strategies because even if [Clarke] was persuaded to come on board, he would not have endorsed the message," an official said.

Relations between Mr Clarke and Mr Major, not good before the campaign began, were worse by the end, largely because Mr Clarke thought the Tory Right presented more of a threat to Britain than new Labour.

Problems beset the most expensive Tory campaign in history from day one. Mr Major's campaign itinerary, which had been prepared months in advance, was constantly rewritten after the first week. A photo-call with the racing car that won the Australian Grand Prix was a shambles: the wheels had come off. The Prime Minister was photographed going through the doorway of a hardware store in Devon that bore the word "Slees".

However, the practical difficulties paled into insignificance compared with the party's private polls, which showed that it would be hard to win. After ten days of campaigning, Dr Mawhinney had virtually conceded defeat. "It was always going to be a big struggle to compete with the mismanagement of the last five years over the ERM, BSE, Europe, sleaze and the infighting," the official said. Morale was low among grass-root activists. The disastrous local authority election results had wiped out the Tory presence in whole across swathes of the country. "We could not fight a proper campaign."

In the end, Europe backfired on the Tories. Central Office maintains it was not bounced into moving it to the centre of the campaign. But 48 hours after Mr Major's successful pre-emptive strike at the midweek press conference, the good work was undone when he pledged a free vote on a single currency. "He took us all by surprise" — especially Mr Clarke, who twisted the knife on BBC radio by disclosing that he had not been consulted. The strategists knew the game was up.

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Relaxed Hague calls for calm

By Damian Whitworth

WILLIAM HAGUE had quite possibly the coolest head in his party yesterday. To witness his relaxed demeanour and charming evasiveness during the wait to hear that he had won his Yorkshire seat, one might have suspected he had leadership ambitions.

Arriving in Northallerton for the count for his large rural Richmond seat yesterday he looked fresh despite a long night putting on a brave face to the media about Conservative losses. He said it was important to keep a sense of humour.

He had clearly spent the flight from London preparing a mantra which he chanted when asked about the succession: "There is a strong case for a period of cool and calm reflection. We need to take time to assess what we have learnt after the past 24 hours."

Then the announcement came through that John Major was to stand down, and Mr Hague quickly went to hide in the counting hall with his fiancée, Ffion Jenkins. Pacing outside was an elderly gentleman who said he would not be surprised if Mr Hague threw his hat in the ring. "He always seems to succeed in what he wants to do," Nigel Hague, William's father, said. "There are fewer left in the field now. Portillo, he's gone, hasn't he?"

Hague: refused to *discuss leadership*

The votes were counted and Mr Hague had won with a comfortable but reduced majority. He thanked everyone and spoke of the need to rebuild the party. Then he tried to slip away.

In the scrum, he stopped, temporarily bemused as to the whereabouts of his car. I told him that William Hill made him second favourite to win the leadership at 2-1. Should I have a bet? His face seemed to be framing the words but then he lost his cool and calm, got in the car and drove off.

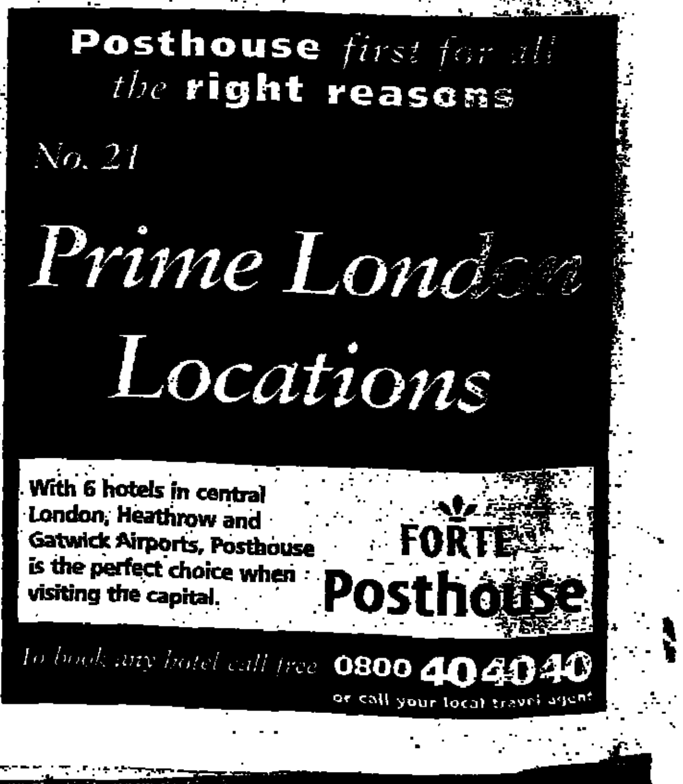
Wipeout forces a rethink on Wales

THE Labour Party in Wales was celebrating the Tory wipeout and feting its new MPs last night (Valerie Elliott writes).

Ron Davies, expected to be named Welsh Secretary in Mr Blair's Cabinet today, set the target of a Tory-free Wales two years ago and said last night that it was "a dream coming true".

The loss of six Tory seats was a bitter blow to William Hague, the Welsh Secretary. Among the prominent casualties were the junior Welsh Office Ministers Jonathan Evans and Gwilym Jones, and the junior Social Security Minister, Roger Evans.

It is clear that the Welsh Tory party will now have to rethink its strategy on devolution. Without a Welsh MP it will not even be able to mount a campaign against Labour's plans for a Welsh Assembly.



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Leadership favourites begin jockeying for position

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE contest to succeed John Major began yesterday as the principal leadership contenders, led by Kenneth Clarke, began consulting their supporters.

Rivals of Mr Clarke did not bother to conceal their delight that the former Chancellor declared his candidacy on the lunchtime BBC radio news barely 60 minutes after Mr Major announced he was standing down. "He scored tactical blunders during the campaign and has scored the first one of the next campaign," one rightwing Tory MP said last night.

Michael Heseltine, a firm favourite to succeed John Major, was talking last night to his supporters, who also took heart from Mr Clarke's apparent gaffe.

THE SUCCESSION

John Redwood, who had been assumed to be the first candidate to come forward, held back from declaring his intentions. But only just. Mr Redwood, in an article in last night's *Evening Standard*, published his own vision for the future of the Conservative Party, which his enemies branded a leadership manifesto.

Kenneth Clarke leaving for London with a removal van yesterday. He declared his leadership intentions within 60 minutes of John Major's resignation

Mr Redwood, who was due to give a string of weekend media interviews, was not expected to make an imminent statement on his intentions. "He is taking his time and allowing the situation to calm down," a Redwood supporter said. Mr Redwood was badly hit by the loss of key supporters from the 1995 leadership contest, such as David Evans and Barry Legg, who ran his campaign. But soundings were being taken by his supporters and a new campaign manager is ready to offer his services if requested.

But most interest yesterday focused on William Hague, who would be the youngest Tory leader in modern times. Mr Hague, 36, has so far refused to indicate whether he would allow his name to be put forward. There were also signs of activity in the camp of the former Home Secretary Michael Howard, and a heavyweight candidate on the Right. Behind the scenes discreet manouevring had begun to try to enlist the backers of Michael Portillo, the one-time favourite of the Tory Right. The targets included Bernard Jenkin, Essex North, John Bercow, the newly elected MP for Buckingham, Angela Browning, the Eurosceptic former Agriculture Minister who hung on in Tiverton, and Nigel Evans in Ribble Valley. The new MPs being courted by the Right include Julie Kirkbride in Bromsgrove and Dr Julian Lewis in New Forest East.

It appeared last night that Alan Duncan, the MP for Rutland and Melton, who was Brian Mawhinney's parliamentary aide, had emerged as the likely key broker with rightwing MPs over Mr Hague's future. "There is a lot of goodwill towards Hague. Many people think the only way to counter the appeal of Tony Blair is to skip a generation," one Tory MP said last night.

There was growing speculation last night that Peter Lilley might decide to enter the contest now his close ally, Mr Portillo, is out of the race. But many rightwing MPs were hoping he would refrain from entering. "It could split the rightwing vote and let in Michael Heseltine."

Stephen Dorrell, the former Health Secretary, once seen as the champion of the Left, is also considering his position. Mr Dorrell is encouraged by the consensus that a Centre-Right candidate could unite the party. But one of his supporters said: "He is biding his time before making any decision."

Backbenchers in search for fresh leaders

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative defeat will force backbench MPs to stage a second battle for supremacy alongside the party leadership contest. The loss of several senior backbenchers could have a big impact on the make-up of the parliamentary party over the next five years.

The once-powerful executive of the 1922 Committee, the conduit for backbench Tory opinion, has been reduced from 18 to only three people and cannot meet its quorum. Eight former members stood down and seven were defeated on Thursday.

Most of the defeated members of the executive were prominent rightwingers, including Sir Rhodes Boyson, Bob Dunn, David Evans, Sir James Pawsey and Sir Ivan Lawrence. Their demise prompted the Right yesterday to press for a new generation of younger members to introduce greater dynamism into the backbench high command.

THE 1922 COMMITTEE

However, the scale of the Tory collapse will leave the party with precious little talent from which to choose. After John Major appoints some 70 frontbenchers, the executive will have to be chosen from fewer than 70 backbenchers who were in the last Parliament.

Elections for the numerous executive vacancies, especially those for the six officers' posts, may act as the first indicator of political opinion within the new party in advance of the leadership elections. However, the party will struggle to squeeze in a four-week election campaign for the executive in advance of a leadership contest that could be brought forward to next month.

First signs yesterday indicated that the Right intends to make its presence felt at the outset, with John Townend expected to be among leading contenders for the chairmanship made vacant by the defeat of Sir Marcus Fox. However, he can expect opposition from fellow executive members Sir Archie Hamilton and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the vice-chairman.

Friends of Sir Geoffrey and Sir Archie said last night that there would be a drive to prevent Mr Townend from seizing the chairmanship through the backing of the right-wing 92 Group. When MPs return to the Commons next week, the three remaining executive members will meet to gauge the attitude of the shrunken backbench force.

Of the 165 Tory MPs in the new Parliament, there is little clear indication of a marked shift in either political direction. Senior MPs were yesterday poring over the new lists to assess the new balance of the party but were divided as to whether the Left or Right had increased its influence.

The newly elected MPs have by three to two voiced their opposition to a single currency, suggesting a continuing right-wing bent. However, while many prominent rightwingers from the last Parliament were defeated, a substantial proportion of left-leaning MPs have been returned.

Many Tory MPs had hoped that a former Cabinet minister or other frontbencher might take on the role of chairman of the executive if the party lost the election, giving backbenchers a stronger voice. However, several possible candidates with past Cabinet experience, including David Hunt and Norman Lamont, fell victim to the Labour landslide. Sir Nicholas Bonsor was tipped as a possible successor but now he too has been wiped out.

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Adams and McGuinness want to sit at peace talks but not at Westminster

Sinn Fein wins two seats and a place on political map

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

SINN FEIN achieved its most successful election result for 40 years yesterday when it captured two seats in Northern Ireland. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, the republican movement's key strategists, swept to victory after bitter contests in West Belfast and Mid Ulster.

Mr Adams, 48, the president of Sinn Fein, defeated Joe Hendron of the Social Democratic and Labour Party in West Belfast with a majority of 7,909. Sinn Fein supporters shouted abuse at Dr Hendron at Belfast City Hall as Mr Adams recaptured the seat he had lost in 1992 by 589 votes.

Mr McGuinness, 46, defeated the Rev William McCrea of the Democratic Unionist Party by 1,883 votes in Mid Ulster. Mr McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, polled nearly twice as many votes as Denis Haughey, his SDLP rival, as nationalists voted tactically to unseat Mr McCrea.

The two MPs will not sit at Westminster because they do not recognise the right of Parliament to govern Northern Ireland. But Mr Adams used his victory last night to demand an immediate place for Sinn Fein at the Stormont talks: "This vote makes it a compulsion for all of those in the establishment in London and Dublin to restore the peace process on a basis of equality."

Dr Hendron congratulated Mr Adams, and issued an emotional plea for peace. "What the Catholic people of the Falls Road and the Protestant people of the Shankill Road want is a genuine peace. Not just a cessation of shooting and killing, it is to do also with smashing of young people's legs and community control."

Sinn Fein polled well in seats throughout Northern Ireland, increasing its share of the vote to 16.1 per cent from 10 per cent in the 1992 election. The poll was also an improvement on the 15.71 per cent share of the vote that Sinn Fein won at last May's election to the Northern Ireland Forum, which many observers had dismissed as a fluke. It has replaced the Democratic Unionist Party as Northern Ireland's third largest party.

In other results, David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, comfortably recaptured Upper Bann. The party's number of MPs rose from nine to ten with Willie Thompson capturing the new seat of West Tyrone from the SDLP.

The Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, recaptured North Antrim with a big majority, but his party now has only two MPs because of Mr McCrea's defeat. Peter Robinson, the deputy leader, retained East Belfast.

John Hume, the SDLP leader, was returned with an increased majority in Foyle. His party now has just three MPs because of Dr Hendron's defeat. Seamus Mallon, the party's deputy leader, and Eddie McGrady won respectively in Newry and Armagh, and South Down. Robert McCartney, the United Kingdom Unionist leader, held onto North Down, which he won at a by-election in 1995.

The SDLP won 60.1 per cent of the nationalist vote, against Sinn Fein's 39.9 per cent. The UUP won 70.6 per cent of the Unionist vote against 29.4 per cent for the DUP.

JOHN GILES

Martin McGuinness celebrating with Pat Doherty, Sinn Fein vice-president

Ulster a priority

TONY BLAIR will place Northern Ireland back at the top of the political agenda and host an Anglo-Irish meeting next week to discuss the peace process (Audrey Magee writes). He will meet John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, and Dick Spring, Deputy Prime Minister, in London on Thursday. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is expected to attend. Mr Bruton said that Labour's victory was remarkable and that he was looking forward to working with Mr Blair on Europe and on seeking a settlement on Northern Ireland. The large Labour majority has pleased Dublin as the Northern Irish Unionists will not have the influence they had under the Conservatives.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Tories begin a comeback in southern shires

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

CONSERVATIVES made widespread gains in the poll for control of the shires in the local elections. Both Labour and Liberal Democrats lost seats to them as they regained control of many of the county halls they lost four years ago.

Paul White, who leads the Conservative county councillor group, said the results showed that the party was already on the way back. "Only hours after winning Downing Street, Tony Blair knows that we are back in business in county halls round the country," he said.

"We have begun the work of rebuilding our power base. After 18 years in government perhaps our leaders had become a little distant from the roots but we can start to put that right now."

The Tories were most successful in their traditional power-bases in the south, capturing Hampshire from the Liberal Democrats and winning an absolute majority in the hung councils of Kent, Surrey, Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and West Sussex.

Labour won Cumbria, where it had been the largest party on a hung council and came within one seat of taking Warwickshire, which remains hung.

The Liberal Democrats, who overtook the Tories a year ago as the second largest party in local government, were unable to match their success this time. Apart from losing Hampshire to the Tories they lost overall control of East Sussex, Wiltshire and Cornwall, even though they won four of the five parliamentary seats in the county.

They were more successful in the new unitary authority elections, winning in Newbury and Torbay, where they also took the parliamentary seats.

COUNTY COUNCILS

BEDFORDSHIRE: C gain from NOC
C gain 1, Ind lose 1. New council: C 25, Lab 14, LD 10.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: C no change
C gain 4, LD lose 2, Lab gain 1, Ind lose 2, Others lose 1. New council: C 38, LD 10, Lab 5, Ind 1.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE: C gain from NOC
C 33, Lab 10, LD 16. C gain 7, Lab lose 2, LD lose 3, Ind lose 2. New council: C 40, Lab 19, LD 17, Lib 1.

CHESHIRE: Lab gain from NOC
Lab 20, C 20, LD 8. Lab gain 2, LD lose 2. New council: Lab 37, C 22, LD 12.

CORNWALL: LD lose to NOC
LD lose 1, Ind lose 3, Lab gain 1, C gain 1, Others gain 2. New council: LD 39, Ind 21, Lab 8, C 7, Lib 1, Others 3.

CUMBRIA: Lab gain from NOC
Lab gain 6, C lose 5, LD lose 3, Ind gain 2. New council: Lab 44, C 23, LD 12, Ind 4.

DERBYSHIRE: Lab no change
Lab gain 3, C lose 2, LD lose 1, Ind gain 1, Others lose 1.
New council: Lab 45, C 12, LD 6, Ind 1.

DEVON: NOC no change
LD 31, C 13, Lab 4, Ind 4, Lib 2. LD lose 2, C gain 2, Lab lose 1, Ind gain 1.
New council: LD 37, C 21, Lab 20, Ind 4, Lib 3.

DORSET: NOC no change
LD gain 2, C lose 2, Lab gain 1, Ind lose 1.
New council: LD 21, C 15, Lab 5, Ind 1.

DURHAM: Lab no change
Lab gain 4, LD lose 4.
New council: Lab 53, Ind 4, LD 2, C 2.

EAST SUSSEX: LD lose to NOC
C gain 9, LD lose 11, Lab gain 2. New council: C 21, LD 16, Lab 7.

ESSEX: NOC no change
C 40, Lab 23, LD 15, R 1. C gain 13, Lab lose 2, LD lose 11, R gain 1, Ind lose 1.
New council: C 44, Lab 33, LD 20, R 1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: NOC no change
LD lose 8, C gain 9, Lab lose 2, Ind gain 1.
New council: LD 22, C 21, Lab 18, Ind 1, Others 1.

HAMPSHIRE: C LD
C gain 19, LD lose 20, Lab gain 2, Ind lose 1.
New council: C 43, LD 21, Lab 8, Ind 1, Others 1.

HERTFORDSHIRE: NOC no change
C gain 13, Lab lose 1, LD lose 10, Ind lose 2.
New council: C 38, Lab 30, LD 9.

KENT: C gain from NOC
C 46, Lab 23, LD 15. C gain 9, Lab lose 1, LD lose 8.
New council: C 50, Lab 30, LD 19.

LANCASHIRE: Lab no change
Lab 47, C 23, LD 7, Ind 1. Lab gain 6, C lose 4, LD lose 3, Ind gain 1.
New council: Lab 60, C 29, LD 8, Vac 1, Ind 1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: NOC no change
C gain 1, Lab gain 1, LD lose 2. New council: C 25, Lab 17, LD 11, Ind 1.

LINCOLNSHIRE: C gain from NOC
C gain 12, Lab lose 5, LD lose 5, Ind lose 2. New council: C 43, Lab 19, LD 11, Ind 3.

NORFOLK: NOC no change
C gain 3, Lab gain 2, LD lose 4, Ind lose 1. New council: C 36, Lab 34, LD 13, Ind 1.

NORTH YORKSHIRE: NOC no change
C gain 9, LD lose 9, Lab gain 1, Ind lose 1. New council: C 35, LD 21, Lab 12, Ind 6.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE:
votes still being counted

NORTHUMBERLAND: Lab no change
Lab gain 4, LD lose 5, Ind gain 1. New council: Lab 43, C 13, LD 8, Ind 2.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Lab no change
Lab 42, C 17, LD 4. Lab gain 6, C lose 5, LD lose 1. New council: Lab 64, C 19, LD 5.

OXFORDSHIRE: NOC no change
C gain 4, Lab lose 2, LD lose 1, Others lose 1. New council: C 27, Lab 22, LD 19, Green 2.

SHROPSHIRE: NOC no change
C 17, Lab 8, LD 13, Ind 6. C lose 1, Lab lose 1, LD lose 1, Ind gain 3. New council: C 23, Lab 23, LD 14, Ind 6.

SOMERSET: LD no change
LD lose 3, C gain 4, Ind lose 1. New council: LD 37, C 17, Lab 3.

STAFFORDSHIRE: Lab no change
Lab gain 7, LD lose 3, Ind lose 2, R lose 2. New council: Lab 40, C 20, LD 2.

SUFFOLK: NOC no change
C gain 7, LD lose 4, Ind lose 3. New council: Lab 33, C 31, LD 15, Ind 1.

SURREY: C gain from NOC
C gain 14, LD lose 12, Lab lose 3, Ind gain 1. New council: C 47, LD 17, Lab 6, Ind 6.

WARWICKSHIRE: NOC no change
Lab gain 1, C gain 3, LD lose 2, Ind lose 2. New council: Lab 31, C 22, LD 8, R 1.

WEST SUSSEX: C gain from NOC
C gain 11, LD lose 9, Lab lose 1, Ind lose 1. New council: C 37, LD 24, Lab 9, Ind 1.

WILTSHIRE: LD lose to NOC
C gain 7, LD lose 10, Lab gain 2, Ind gain 1. New council: C 22, LD 20, Lab 4, Ind 1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: NOC
New council: C 25, Lab 22, LD 8, Ind 1, Others 1.

UNITARY AUTHORITIES

BLACKBURN: Lab
New council: Lab 46, C 12, LD 4.

BLACKPOOL: Lab
New council: Lab 34, C 7, LD 3.

BRACKNELL FOREST: C
New council: C 23, Lab 17.

BRISTOL: Lab no change
Lab 17, LD 3, C 3. LD gain 1, C lose 1. New council: Lab 52, LD 11, C 5.

HALTON: Lab
New council: Lab 47, LD 8, C 1.

HEREFORDSHIRE: LD
New council: LD 33, Ind 16, C 8, Lab 2, Green 1.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL: Lab no change
Lab 19, LD 1. New council: Lab 58, Ind 1, LD 1.

MEDWAY TOWNS: NOC
New council: Lab 39, LD 21, C 20.

NEWBURY: LD
New council: LD 38, C 15, Ind 1.

NOTTINGHAM: Lab
New council: Lab 50, C 3, LD 2.

PETERBOROUGH: NOC
New council: Lab 27, C 24, Lib 3, LD 2, Ind 1.

PLYMOUTH: Lab
New council: Lab 47, C 13.

READING: Lab
New council: Lab 36, LD 6, C 3.

SLOUGH: Lab
New council: Lab 34, C 4, Lib 3.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: NOC
New council: C 18, LD 14, Lab 7.

THURROCK: Lab
New council: Lab 46, C 3.

TORBAY: LD
New council: LD 23, C 11, Lab 2.

WARRINGTON: Lab
New council: Lab 45, LD 11, C 4.

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD ROYAL: NOC
New council: LD 29, C 22, R 6, Ind 1.

WOKINGHAM: C
New council: C 31, LD 23.

WREKIN: Lab
New council: Lab 38, C 9, LD 4, Ind 2, R 1.

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MALVERN HILLS (boundary change): NOC no change
New council: LD 20, C 10, Ind 10, Green 1, Lab 1.

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Ashdown's army basks in sheer joy of 46 seats

By Polly Newton
Political Reporter

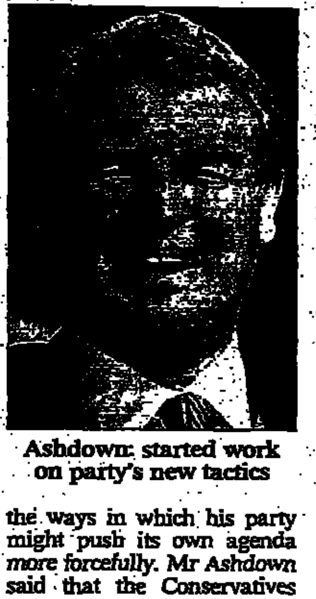
FOR many Liberal Democrats, basking in the glow of their remarkable election success, the question of what the party might achieve with its new parliamentary strength was secondary yesterday.

They were still marvelling at the sheer fact of winning 46 seats — the most for any third party since 1929 — more than double their tally of 20 at the last election.

One Liberal Democrat source said: "For the moment, we are all luxuriating in what's happened. For some of us, we have been doing this for 20 years, and it's about time. We are absolutely thrilled."

Paddy Ashdown was also happy to focus initially on the figures alone. He told a Westminster press conference: "We have advanced in every part of Britain, gaining seats in Scotland, Yorkshire, the North West, the North East, the Midlands, East Anglia, London, the South and the South West. We are of course the second party of local government; we now become the challengers as well in a number of other seats where we only just missed."

By lunchtime, however, the Liberal Democrat leader was meeting colleagues to discuss the ways in which his party might push its own agenda more forcefully. Mr Ashdown said that the Conservatives had been left "utterly ineffectual and incapable of providing true leadership from the opposition benches." He added: "It will be left to the Liberal Democrats to push forward our strategy of coherent and constructive politics."


Ashdown: started work on party's new tactics

In practice, the size of Labour's majority means that the Liberal Democrats will find it virtually impossible to force Tony Blair's hand, however much they insist that they have won a significant mandate for their policies on education and health.

For the same reason, there is no prospect now of Mr Blair being forced to rely on the Liberal Democrats to push through legislation on Europe that he might otherwise have lost. because of Eurosceptic rebels within his own party.

The swing against the Conservatives which gave the Liberal Democrats their breakthrough also left Labour with enough seats to ensure that the third party is still unlikely to wield significant influence.

The one area where the Liberal Democrats have been assured of a role is in constitutional reform. Labour and the Liberal Democrats have agreed a joint approach to policies including reform of the House of Lords and devolution. Mr Blair has also promised a referendum on electoral reform within his first term.

Mr Ashdown said: "I expect that to be delivered. I do not believe that that agreement was entered into in bad faith, nor indeed that Mr Blair is a dishonourable man."

The Liberal Democrats are also likely to raise the issue of official opposition to Labour on Scottish and Welsh policies — and, in particular, the question of who appears opposite the Scottish Secretary at the dispatch box in the Commons. The Tories now have no MPs in Scotland or Wales.

A Liberal Democrat source said: "What the hell happens at Scottish and Welsh questions? It must be the case that in fact, the Shadow Scottish Secretary is a Liberal Democrat. We are the only official opposition in Scotland." In Wales, he said, it should be the Liberal Democrats or Plaid Cymru at the dispatch box.

The Tories, however, are unlikely to concede the point.

The Liberal Democrats gained eight seats in the West Country and captured a whole swath in the south of England, including Portsmouth South, Eastleigh, the Isle of Wight and — yesterday evening, the last declaration of the general election — Winchester with a majority of just two votes, unseating the Tory Health Minister, Gerald Malone.

The success of the campaign has guaranteed Mr Ashdown's place as leader of the Liberal Democrats for the foreseeable future, ending recent speculation that, at the age of 56, he might soon retire. He began his recovery from the gruelling election campaign yesterday afternoon with a few hours' sleep.

£20m brings little political profit

THE Referendum Party claimed credit for the defeat of at least 14 Conservative candidates, including Sebastian Coe and Tony Newton, after running one of the most expensive yet unsuccessful campaigns.

But Sir James Goldsmith's investment of an estimated £20 million brought little return. His party's 554 candidates attracted a total of 810,231 votes — a 3 per cent share — at a cost to Sir James of £24.68 per voter.

Officials tried to take comfort after the loss of all but a handful of deposits by emphasising the impact in a number of closely fought seats. In at least 14 constituencies where Tories came second, Referendum Party candidates attracted more votes than the overall majority.

A party spokesman said that no tears would be shed for the beaten Tories. "Most of them are wet Europhiles and we are delighted we have managed to get rid of them. In those constituencies one must assume our vote was decisive."

Of Sebastian Coe, who failed by 2,688 votes to hold his seat, the spokesman said: "He is dripping wet with zero backbone. Anybody who replaces him must be an improvement."

Until dawn yesterday Mr Coe believed he had held Falmouth and Camborne. A little more than 3,500 of those he had hoped might support him had changed their loyalty and voted for the Referendum Party's Peter de Savary.

Sir James insisted that he would carry on campaigning, probably under the new banner of the Referendum Movement. It will adopt a "wait and see" policy on Tony Blair.

MARTIN RICKETT

Martin Bell, new MP for Tatton, on a walkabout in Knutsford yesterday to thank his supporters

The man with no party has class act to follow

Robin Young suggests a role model for Martin Bell

MARTIN BELL, Independent MP for Tatton, will have a lonely row to furrow as the first man elected free of party ties to sit in the House of Commons since 1950.

Already he has come under attack from a bitter Neil Hamilton, who accused him of having no opinions "on anything". Mr Hamilton, who yesterday blamed the former BBC war correspondent for his defeat, said those who had backed Mr Bell had "voted for a vaccum". He forecast that his successor would be "ignored and fade into the background" in the Commons.

But by way of preparation, Mr Bell could do worse than take out of the library a copy of *Independent Member*, the lively memoirs of his most recent predecessor — the author, lyricist, barrister, wit and raconteur Sir Alan Patrick Herbert, also known as A.P. Herbert or simply APH, who represented Oxford University as an Independent from 1935 until the university seats, including his, were abolished in 1950.

Herbert, a doughty champion of minority causes quixotically incapable of leaving any windmill untilted, was never short of friends, but he did suffer frustrations as a man without a party.

Herbert: spent 15 years as an Independent

In August 1945, during a Commons debate on a government motion to appropriate private Members' time, APH produced from his pocket a bundle of 11 new Bills he hoped to introduce on subjects ranging from divorce and the teaching of the classics to the control of bookmakers and betting. The dramatic gesture made headlines, but the Government Bill duly passed, and Herbert's legislative creativity remained largely stifled.

It was not the prospect of being required to vote against his conscience which appalled him, he said, so much as what he called the "physical bondage" of not being able to come and go in the House as he chose. He saw that the party system was necessary. "All cannot be fly-halves," he wrote. "There must be a scrum." Yet he valued the freedom, which Mr Bell may now share, to start his own hares without consultation or fear of correction. "It was better, I thought, for those of us who have neither the power of supermen nor the position of dictators to try to get a few small things done than to vapour vainly about the woes of mankind," he wrote.

One technique APH made very much his own was the composition of fiery preambles to Bills. In 1936, with no European Economic Community in view other than that planned by Hitler, he began an attempt to amend the licensing laws: "Whereas it is commonly accepted that England is now to be considered as a part of the Continent of Europe, and should so conduct herself in all proper and peaceful affairs: and in this affair it is expedient that she should follow the good and civilised customs of France, which, by reason of the said laws is now not possible" the liquor laws in England "shall be made, *mutatis mutandis*, the same as the laws of France."

Of course they were not for another half-century, but in this, as in many other cases, APH's intended reforms did eventually come to pass.

Knighted in 1945, he died, well-loved and universally respected, in 1976 at the age of 80. Mr Bell will have his work cut out to do as well.

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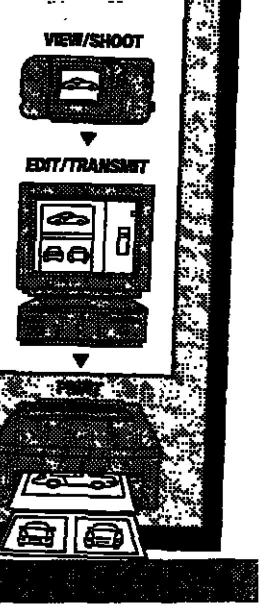

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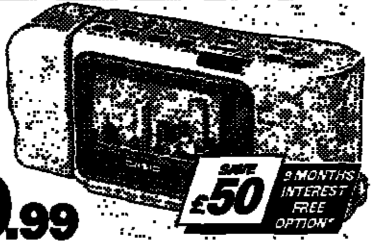

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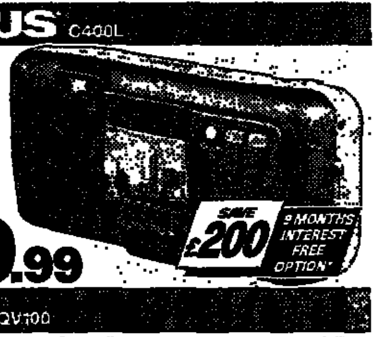

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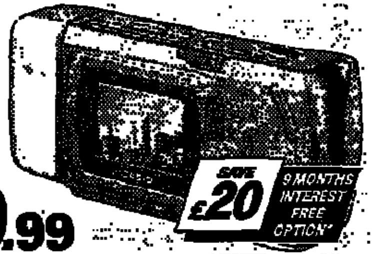

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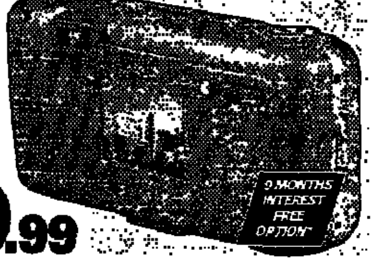

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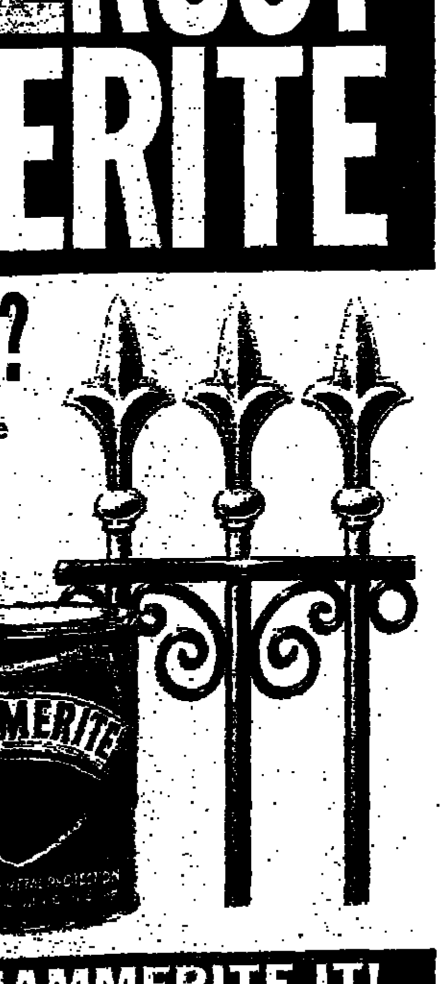

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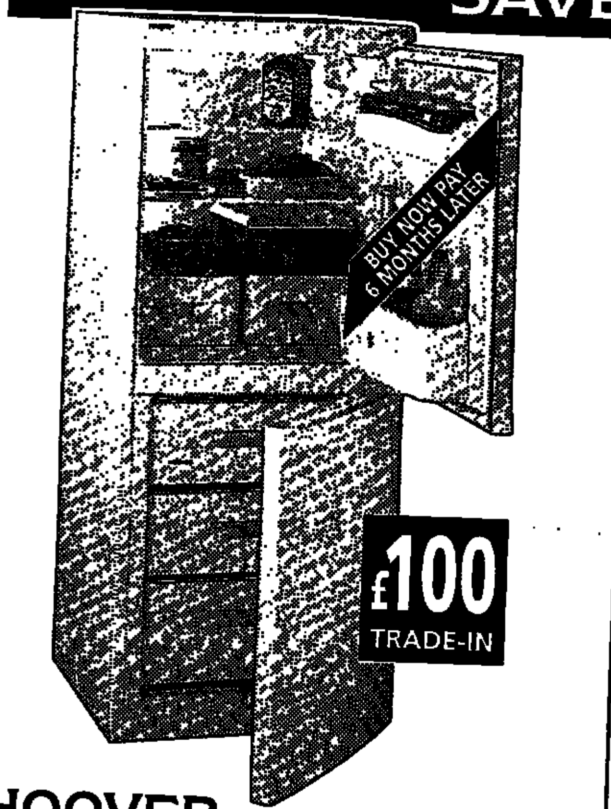

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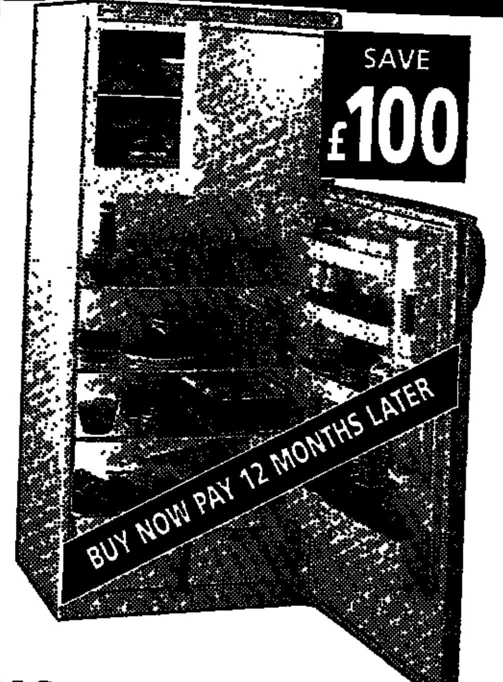

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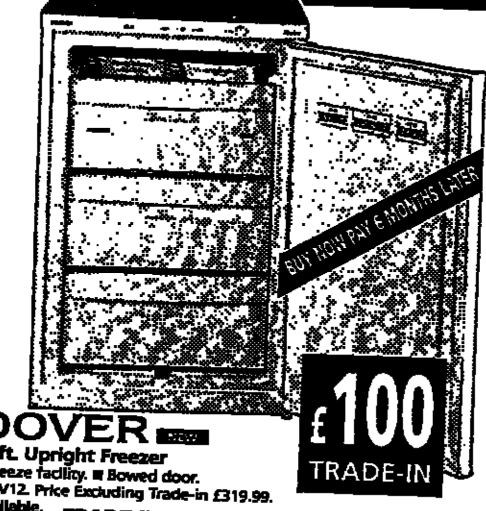

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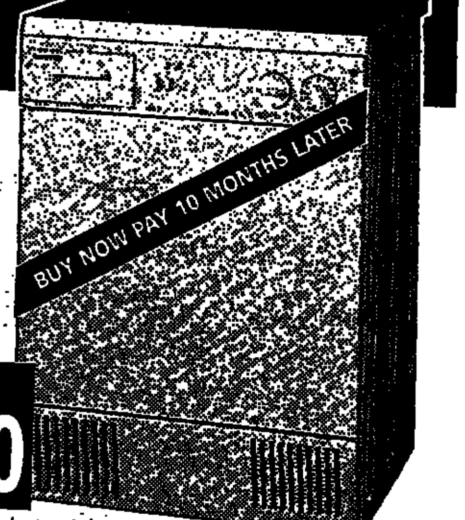

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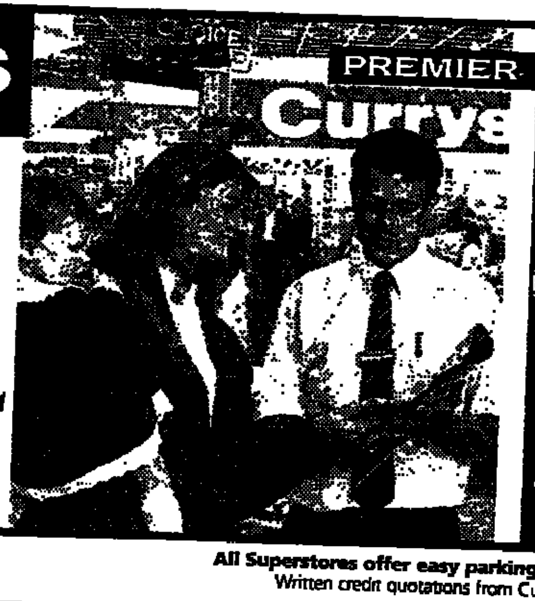

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THE continuing success of *The Times* was underlined this week with the award of a major newspaper industry honour and the release of increased readership figures.

The Times was named Newspaper of the Year at the 1997 Newspaper Awards. In their citation, the judges said: "*The Times* is praised for its outstanding commitment to energetic news reporting and dedication to open debate of nationally important issues.

"The newspaper has seen solid increases in sales and rising advertising volumes over the past year. The title has also expanded its range of coverage to ensure that it meets the expectations of its readership in all areas of human interest and endeavour."

The 1997 Newspaper Awards are made in association with *Production Journal* and Fujifilm Graphic Systems.

The latest figures from the National Readership Survey show:

☐ Readership up 253,000 year on year to almost two million a day, an increase of 15.4 per cent.

☐ *The Times* maintains its young readership profile with 51.1 per cent of its readers aged under 45, compared with 35.6 per cent at the *Daily Telegraph*.

☐ Circulation is up 110,968 year on year to 747,000, an increase of 17 per cent.

These achievements make *The Times* the fastest-growing daily newspaper in Britain.

Ex-MI6 man jailed for selling gun to detective

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A FORMER MI6 electronics expert and sharpshooter was jailed for a year yesterday for illegally supplying a pistol and ammunition to a detective working under cover.

Christopher Hale, 57, once swept Canterbury Cathedral to make sure that it was safe for a royal visit and arranged protection for Stella Rimington, the former Director-General of the Security Service. He was also a highly qualified marksman whose lightning reflexes earned him the nickname Hasty. He invented a special night-sight camera, used to find bodies after the Oklahoma bombing, and a remote-controlled bomb defuser.

When Hale was arrested at his home, a team of 36 armed officers were deployed. Yesterday, at Middlesex Crown Court, Judge Inman told Hale, from Southfields, south London, that he would have to go to jail despite a record including an award for foiling an armed robber.

He added: "Many people have cause to be thankful for your technical ingenuity and skill in developing various machines and equipment designed to save life in terrorist situations all over the world. It is all the more sad, therefore, that you have become involved in these offences."

Hale: trapped by sting

He said that the .32 Astra revolver, sold by Hale for £350 to an officer posing as an East End criminal, was a potential killer.

Last week Hale's friend, Robert Scott, 49, a former SAS soldier, was jailed for three years. Scott, another sharpshooter, was a rooftop sniper during the Iranian Embassy siege and admitted selling a Spectra M4 submachine-gun to the same officer for £1,000.

Hale, who started his working life as a television engineer, began specialising in security in 1968. In 1982, he set himself up as an anti-hijack specialist and went on to work for Britain's special forces. In 1984 the Lord Mayor of London presented him with a Binny Memorial bravery award after he tackled an armed robber who shot at him four times before being overpowered.

He worked around the world and acted as a security consultant for the governments of Dubai, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He met Scott at the SAS's Hereford headquarters in 1987. Later Scott, who was once a stand-in for Sylvester Stallone during filming, set up a security consultancy and Hale freelanced for the firm.

The two men were caught after police involved in a sting operation put out a "shopping list" for illegal military guns. It came to the attention of a businessman member of Scott's gun club at Bisley, Surrey. Eventually Scott was introduced to a policeman posing as an arms dealer, and then to the "criminal". It was Hale who gave the gun to the undercover officer.

MAURICE McDONALD

Archie McCafferty arriving in Glasgow yesterday: he is free to go wherever he wants, without police checks

Serial killer flies home to his roots

By Shirley English and Tim Jones

ONE of Australia's most notorious serial killers flew into his home city of Glasgow as a free man yesterday. Archie McCafferty, 49, was engulfed by journalists and curious members of the public as he took his first steps in the country he left as a child.

The slightly built killer, wearing dark glasses, kept his head down and refused to answer any questions before being bundled into a car under police escort. He was thought to be staying with distant relatives.

McCafferty, known as Mad Dog, served 23 years in Australian jails for four murders and had once pledged to kill seven people. He was accompanied by three Australian policemen on his flight from Sydney and was met at Heathrow by two Glasgow social workers, who accompanied him on the flight to Scotland.

Glasgow City Council said yesterday that it was statutorily obliged to offer assistance. At first the council claimed its offers of accommodation and support had been rejected, but a spokesman said later that he had made a mistake and that McCafferty had in fact agreed to cooperate.

The killer is under no obligation to accept help from the council. As a British citizen he can go wherever he wants with no police surveillance. The Australian authorities' decision to grant him parole two weeks ago was accompanied by strict conditions, but those are not enforceable in Britain. They included regular health checks and a life-long ban on alcohol and drugs, which had played a part in his random "thrill kill" murders in 1973.

Then, at the age of 24, he led a gang of drug-crazed teenagers on a killing spree in Sydney, murdering three people. He claimed that his dead baby son, Craig, had told him that, if he killed seven people, he would be reincarnated. In 1981 he was convicted of manslaughter of a fellow inmate at Parramatta Prison.

Although McCafferty lived in Australia from the age of ten, after his family emigrated, he never applied for citizenship and is now ineligible for it because of the time he spent in prison.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man cleared of killing wife

David Tiernan, 47, from Hornsea, east Yorkshire, who allegedly confessed to his mistress, Teresa Kirwin, that he had killed his wife and passed off her death as an accident, was cleared of murder yesterday at Sheffield Crown Court. He was charged last year with the murder of his wife, Pauline, 38, seven years after a coroner ruled that she had been electrocuted.

Care head jailed

George Britain, 67, from Great Barr, Birmingham, a former manager of Summerhill home, a hostel for homeless men in the city, was jailed for two years yesterday for assaults on four elderly residents in his care between 1979 and 1993.

School fails test

The Nottinghamshire primary school which closed for eight days when teachers refused to teach a ten-year-old boy has been failed by inspectors. Manton Junior School, in Worksop, will face "special measures" over poor teaching and unsatisfactory standards.

Heroin seized

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FRANK SPOONER

Sir Roy denies his book was written in bitterness. "I've been sent up by everybody and everything. Now it's my turn to have a little fun," he says

'I want to be forgiven – no more feuds'

Jason Cowley talks to Sir Roy Strong about his caustic diaries

For a book that purports to be a work of "reconciliation" Sir Roy Strong's *Diaries* is recklessly provocative. Spanning the 20 years from 1967 to 1987, when he was head of the National Portrait Gallery and director of the Victoria and Albert, these caustic bulletins from inside the art establishment certainly have the power to offend.

The tone of the entries is candid, indignant, mischievous, occasionally cruel. They add a new dimension to the cliché of "knowing everyone". Sir Roy relates private dinner party conversations with the Royal Family, ridicules prime ministers and scourges his enemies. Like Alan Clark, he nurtures resentment.

Of Sir Terence Conran, with whom Strong is mired in a protracted dispute, he writes: "He's no intellectual. I suppose I make him feel inferior and so as usual he bullies his way through ... I must embody so much that all his money can never buy." Sir Peter Hall is "power hungry" and has "piggy eyes and long greasy hair". David [now Lord] Owen is "totally humourless, always trying to look the part of a future PM and not succeeding". Shirley Williams is "oddly short" and "holds her cutlery in her fists".

"Her accent," he writes of the Princess of Wales, "is really rather awful considering that she is an earl's daughter. Not an upper-class drawl at all, but rather tuneless and... common." Princess Margaret is "tough, disillusioned and spoilt". His own family is treated with equal disdain. His father, George, has "an enormous bloated stomach; his life has been a monument to the lack of willpower".

Either Sir Roy does not care what people think of him, or he is too self-absorbed to consider how his revelations will be received. "Actually, I don't care what people think of me," he says defiantly, in the drawing room of his Westminster flat. The room is small but exquisitely furnished. The curtains are three-quarters drawn, shutting out the bright afternoon sunshine.

Sir Roy has had a bad week. Friends say he is "privately devastated" at the lurid treatment his book has received in the press. "He is gravely offended and fears the vulgar extracts in the *Daily Mail* have done irreconcilable damage to his reputation," one says.

He betrays little sign of distress, though — at least, initially. "I don't know what the fuss is about," he says. "Reports say I've written the book because I'm bitter, because I'm smarting about what happened at the V and A. That's not true. If people haven't got a sense of humour about things said a long time ago that's their problem... I've been sent up by everybody and everything. Now it's my turn to have a little fun."

'I was standing in history and recorded what I saw'

It is true that people have been unkind to Strong. His unashamed sartorial flamboyance, his foppish manner, social climbing and snobbery: all have made him an easy target. The *New Statesman* famously described him as "like a rather superior guy ordered from Harrods". Conran, irritated by the *Diaries*, was more critical: "He has a huge chip on his shoulder which weighs him down... One part tries to paint himself as an academic and the next minute he behaves like a gossip columnist."

Sir Roy cannot resist responding to Conran's barb: "He wasn't very nice to me when I was at the V&A [Conran was a trustee]. Why should I feel loyalty to someone who tried to get rid of me?"

Born in the north London suburb of Winchmore Hill in 1935, Strong is an unlikely aesthete. The son of a struggling commercial traveller, he had a disturbed boyhood. Though his mother encouraged his scholarly instincts, there were no books in the house; his father, whom he loathed, was "utterly uninterested" in him.

Poor but restlessly ambitious, he longed to escape from all that constrained him. Grammar school and London University were his route out. "I find it hard to be reconciled to my past. My experience of family life is of people setting out to destroy each other. My mother took every menial job she could to encourage my education but at a price: that I should never marry. Her marriage was so unhappy, you see. When I eventually got married I chose to elope rather than tell her what I was doing."

Despite this, his 26-year marriage to the theatre designer Julia Trevelyan Oman is his "one constant source of happiness". "If I wasn't married I would be dead by now so great were the problems I encountered there."

He is referring to his tenure at the V&A, which he depicts as labyrinthine, full of malice. "The place is a killer," he says. "These museums are closed, hermetic worlds; the staff are resistant to change. Look what they did to my successor, Elizabeth [Esteve-Coll], a widow. They went for her as they went for me. When I see photographs of her she looks as if she has been lifted out of the grave."

What makes Sir Roy's diary so compelling is that thoughts are confided without censorship; he says he resisted the temptation to coat events with a retrospective gloss because "I was aware that I was standing in history and recorded what I saw". So the book shares what Clark calls the flaws of all diaries: bad forecasting, defective judgment, narrow perspectives.

As a young man Strong was taken up by the old establishment guard — Harold Acton, the Sitwells, Cecil Beaton, Diana Cooper. The vignettes of the parties to which they invited him *were* written with an eye to publication. "I've been sitting on all this material for so long that it would be dishonest if I now doctored what I wrote," he says.

So why publish now? "The goalposts on what can and cannot be said have moved so much in the past five years my antennae tell me that the moment is right."

Asked if he may yet regret his openness, his mood alters. "You're right, I've laid myself open. People are out to get me... I didn't want it to be like this. I was simply attempting to reconcile myself to my past, to put things in order. Everything that I've done has been done from the heart, with passion and sincerity."

His eyes water a little. "What I'm trying to say is that I want to be forgiven. I don't want any more feuds."

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Father presumed drowned after saving son's life

FROM PHILIP JEUNE IN JERSEY

A FATHER was believed drowned last night after apparently saving his ten-year-old son by lashing him to a buoy off Jersey after their dinghy capsized on a fishing trip.

João De Sousa's final act before attempting to swim two miles to shore to summon help was to secure his son, Elvis, so that he would not be swept out to sea or drowned.

A lifeboat crew found Elvis clinging to the buoy off the northwest coast of Jersey. He was tied on by the cord of his lifejacket to prevent him from slipping beneath the waves. No trace could be found yesterday of Senhor De Sousa, 33, a Portuguese-born farm labourer. He was presumed to have drowned.

Elvis was rescued after five hours in darkness in the 13C water and a stiff breeze. He was suffering from hypothermia and was given oxygen on the lifeboat. As he was pulled to safety, he said: "Thank you, thank you. Can I have a drink, please?"

An air-sea search for his father by the two Jersey lifeboats from St Helier and St Catherine's and a helicopter belonging to the Barclay brothers on neighbouring Brecqhou was called off at noon yesterday. A search of the west coast to look for his body began later at low tide.

Father and son had gone fishing at 5pm on Thursday. According to police, Elvis said that the 11ft boat had been overturned by a large wave not long into their trip.

The pair swam to the buoy and Senhor De Sousa secured his son for safety before beginning his swim to shore to alert the rescue services. Two hours later, Captain John Dowling, the pilot of an aircraft flying from Guernsey to Jersey, reported spotting something in the water.

Mike Collett, a private pilot flying back to Jersey from a business meeting in Coventry, was asked to keep a look-out. He made several circuits of the area, but it was only when he turned for his approach to the island's airport that he spotted the upturned hull of the boat.

The boy's mother, Lourdes, reported her husband and son missing shortly before 9pm on Thursday, when she became alarmed that they had not returned home.

She had assumed until then that they were staying out later than intended, lulled by calm waters and the warm evening.

The search had already been under way for nearly two hours and Elvis was plucked from the water at about 10pm.

Nigel Sweeny, cockswain of the St Helier lifeboat, said: "It was a miracle that he survived, absolutely fantastic. For a ten-year-old he was switched on."

Paul Battrick, who treated the boy on board the lifeboat, said: "He was shaken and very cold. He was wearing a tracksuit as well as his lifejacket and was quite well built for his age, which might have helped him to survive. He was amazing. We got talking and he wants to come back to see the lifeboat and would like us to go to his school."

Elvis, who was born in Venezuela and takes his surname, Viera, from his mother, was released yesterday after spending the night under observation in hospital. The family has lived in Jersey for some years.

ROB CURRIE

Paul Battrick, who treated Elvis Viera on the lifeboat, carries the boy ashore

Safety alert as 5m hit holiday roads

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

TEMPERATURES reached 27C (81F) on the hottest day of the year yesterday as five million drivers started the Bank Holiday getaway, although Monday's forecast is for cloud and rain almost everywhere.

About 1½ million others are due to head abroad, with continental capitals favoured because of the strength of the pound. Paris, Brussels and Prague are top of the list. Other popular destinations include the Balearic Islands, Tenerife, Dublin and Florida.

About 500,000 people are expected to fly abroad from Heathrow over the weekend. At Gatwick about 332,000 people will pass through the airport, up nearly a third on the same time last year.

The AA advised motorists planning to cross the Channel to prepare for possible strike chaos in France on Monday. Two French lorry drivers' unions have backed a day of action to protest over working conditions. Last November's 12-day blockade paralysed ports and roads leading to Calais. As the exodus from the main cities began yesterday lunchtime, the AA also warned drivers to take extra care after figures showed that the period just preceding a Bank Holiday could be the worst time for accidents, which can increase by up to 25 per cent as motorists rush to get on their way.

"The trouble at Bank Holiday weekends is that people are often driving somewhere they don't know. They are on unfamiliar roads, perhaps with someone navigating who doesn't really know the way either, and that is when accidents are more likely to happen," an AA spokesman said.

Roads to the South Coast and the West Country are expected to be heavily congested throughout today. Troublespots include the M5 southbound at the Avonmouth bridge, the M4 in South Wales, and the A30 in Cornwall.

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Deaths prompt call to beware cold sea

BY LIN JENKINS

COASTGUARDS are warning weekend holidaymakers to treat the sea with caution after two sunbathers drowned trying to swim to safety. They had been cut off by the tide as they lay in a secluded cove.

Chantelle Price, 42, a former dancer, and her flatmate, Dawn Robertson, 37, an interior decorator, were pulled unconscious from the sea after being stranded at Tutt Head on Limeslade Bay, South Wales. Coastguards said that, despite the hot weather, the sea was very cold and unsafe for swimming.

Police said that Mrs Price, a divorced mother of two, could not swim and soon got into difficulty as she tried to return to dry land on Thursday. Coastguards at Swansea saw that the women were in difficulty and raised the alarm. By the time an inshore rescue craft reached them, both were unconscious.

Mrs Price's daughter, Vicky, 25, said that her mother and Ms Robertson often visited the spot to sunbathe. "I know they had been there earlier in the week when it was sunny. My mother couldn't swim and she must have got into trouble when they went into the sea.

"She worked as an exotic dancer and travelled all over Europe with her job. She was a wonderful woman and was loved by everyone."

Roy Griffiths, captain of the Mumbles inshore lifeboat, said that the sea temperature was still only about 9C at this time of year. "It is very cold indeed and the sea around the bay is very dangerous. It is not safe for swimming at this time of year."

☐ The forecast for the weekend is for cloud and rain. However, the Cancer Research Campaign will issue an emergency warning about the dangers of skin cancer today. It says that the climate in southern Britain is approaching that of the wine-growing areas of France and that the incidence of skin cancer is already significantly higher there than in other parts of the country.

The number of cases in Cornwall is twice the national average. In Devon it is 50 per cent above the average and along all of the South Coast it is at least 25 per cent higher. The University of East Anglia has recently forecast that temperatures across the country will rise by up to 1.5C over the next half century, which would make Brighton as warm as the Loire Valley.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES tomorrow

European judges condemn move to deport dying man

By Emma Wilkins

AN ATTEMPT by the Government to deport a convicted drugs smuggler is inhumane because he is dying from Aids, the European Court of Human Rights ruled yesterday.

The man, known only as D, was given a six-year jail sentence after being convicted of smuggling cocaine into Britain through Gatwick airport in January 1993. Immigration officials decided that he should be deported to his birthplace, St Kitts, in the Caribbean, after his release from prison three years later. His medical condition, contracted before his arrival in Britain, was diagnosed while he was in prison.

The European judges, sitting in Strasbourg, decided that an attempt to forcibly remove D from Britain would breach an article against "degrading and inhuman treatment" in the Human Rights Convention, which Britain has signed. The court has no power to stop the Government from proceeding with the deportation. A spokesman for the Home Office said officials were studying the ruling.

D, who is living in an Aids charity hospice in London, has only a few weeks to live. St Kitts had limited medical facilities for the treatment of Aids, the court was told.

"It is not disputed that his already shortened life expectancy would be further reduced on account of the lack of medical treatment and facilities for dealing with his condition in St Kitts," the judges said in a unanimous ruling in Strasbourg. "The applicant appears to have no close family members there, no means of support and no accommodation."

D appealed unsuccessfully at the High Court in London last year against the decision of the Chief Immigration Officer to deport him.

John Wadham, director of the pressure group Liberty, said that Labour had promised to incorporate the Human Rights Convention into British law, an action that could have shortened the legal process in this case.

"The deportation of a dying man can surely never be justified in a civilised society," Mr Wadham said. "It is unfortunate that the courts in this country were unable to stop this and that it was necessary to seek the help of the Strasbourg court."

The decision was welcomed by the Terrence Higgins Trust, an aids charity, and the Aire Centre, an independent advice group, which jointly represented D. Nick Partridge, of the trust, said that the decision "upholds our country's long-standing reputation for support of human rights and dignity".

Matthew Etherington, who will sit 10 GCSEs this summer, is to play for Peterborough United's first team

Schoolboy, 15, joins the big league

MATTHEW ETHERINGTON takes to the football field for second division Peterborough United today as one of the youngest players ever picked for a League team (Robin Young writes).

At the age of 15 years and 261 days, he will be playing on Peterborough's left wing a few weeks before sitting 10 GCSE exams. Matthew moved to the cathedral city three years ago after his family sold their home in Cornwall in an effort to further his football career. The boy, who attends the Deacon's School in Peterborough, does not officially become an apprentice until next year. He said: "It was a big enough shock to be told I was playing in the reserves on Wednesday, so I was astonished when Barry Fry [the manager of Peterborough] told me after the game that I would be playing in the first team on Saturday."

Matthew, who credits his promotion to Peterborough's youth development officer, Kit Carson, added: "Whatever happens, it will be better than sweeping the terraces as I normally have to on a Saturday afternoon." Mr Fry said: "He is a fantastic talent and a level-headed lad. He will not let anyone down."

He becomes the seventh youngest League footballer. The joint youngest were aged 15 years and 158 days: Albert Geldard at Bradford Park Avenue in 1929 and Ken Roberts at Wrexham in 1951.

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Ascension brings us down to earth

Doug Gay

"I believe he ascended into Heaven."

JUST as for most practical purposes I treat the Earth as flat, so I am happy to believe that Heaven is "up". The Feast of the Ascension next Thursday pops up between the Easter rising and the Pentecost falling. It has not had a good press in 20th-century theology.

Modern liberal theology has squirmed in acute spatial embarrassment over first-century ideas of a three-decker universe. More recent turns in biblical theology have loosened the philosophical straitjacket. Attention to and enjoyment of story and metaphor, along with greater literary sophistication, allow the thought of going up to be less of a theological downer. Believing in the Ascension of Christ involves coping with the loss and disappearance of the Jesus restored to us by the Resurrection. While Luke tells us the stories, John's Gospel dramatises the spiritual dilemma in the cameo of Mary Magdalene trying to cling to what must be released.

That said, what seems crucial is precisely Luke's embarrassing detail about a body moving through space. The wording of the stories inhibits us from reading Ascension as the undoing of Incarnation. It has been pointed out recently that one of the dangers of "happy clappy" worship is the preponderance of worship songs focusing exclusively on the ascended Christ. Without body language, the Ascension threatens to reduce Christian believing to a feel-good gnosticism.

The post-modern world is characterised more by spiritual searching than by spiritual scepticism. But the search is often for a designer spirituality offering personal fulfilment rather than a crucified God asking for radical discipleship. The comedown of Incarnation is what gives meaning to our being spiritually uplifted by the Ascension. The link is suggestive politically as well as personally, grounding all our lives as well as the aspirations of those we have just elected. Even while promising the power to effect change, it insists that in our rising we dare not leave the wounds of humanity behind. I believe He ascended; Heaven and Hackney are both the richer for it.

☐ *The Rev Doug Gay is minister of Clapton Park United Reformed Church, east London.*

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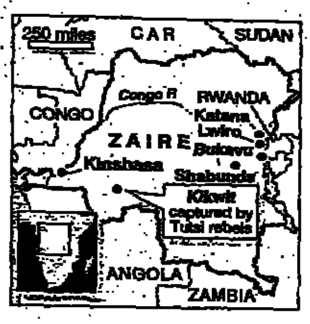
Mobutu hires Unita guerrillas as Luanda arms Kabila's rebel forces

Angolan factions are drawn into Zairean civil war

From Sam Kiley in Kinshasa



FEARS that Angola could be dragged into Zaire's civil war increased yesterday with the revelation that President Mobutu has recruited 400 Unita guerrillas as a "special bodyguard", while advancing rebels have been supplied with men and armour by the Angolan Government.

According to sources in Mr Mobutu's entourage, the soldiers from the Union for the Total Independence of Angola have been installed at the presidential palace. They were sent to him by his long-standing friend, Jonas Savimbi, the former Angolan rebel leader.

Dr Savimbi's fighters recently laid down their weapons as part of a peace agreement which brought him into the Angolan Government after almost 20 years of civil war.

"Mobutu has the troops from Angola because he clearly does not trust all the other soldiers around him — perhaps not all his own presidential guard," a source at the palace said.

Angolan government troops were massing along the Zairean frontier in the west of the country close to the enclave of Cabinda to prevent Zaire's civil war from spilling into its territory. The soldiers had not crossed into Zaire. It was clear that the Angolan Government had given support to Katangan gendarmes, who have been based in the north of Angola for 30 years and wear Angolan uniforms.

The gendarmes, many of them second-generation soldiers, have been fighting for independence for the province of Katanga (now Shaba) since the early 1960s and have joined the guerrillas led by Laurent Kabila.

Mining sources who saw the Portuguese-speaking soldiers said that they were travelling in tracked vehicles, had tanks and heavy artillery, and bridge-building equipment which could be used in a final assault on Kinshasa.

Talks to avoid a battle for the Zairean capital had looked in danger of collapsing into farce yesterday afternoon because Mr Mobutu was unable to climb 31 metal steps onto a South African warship for a scheduled meeting with Mr Kabila.

A member of Mr Mobutu's family said that he had refused to travel to the ship — moored in Pointe Noire, Congo — by helicopter because his doctors said the vibrations would be bad for him. But he was later driven on board using a ramp.

Mr Mobutu, 66, suffers from prostate cancer which has spread into his bones and causes internal bleeding, making it difficult for him to move around easily. President Mandela of South Africa flew to the port to host the talks which were expected to be chaired by Muhammad Sahnoun, the United Nations special envoy.

Mr Kabila was waiting with Thabo Mbeki, the South African Deputy President, in Luanda, the Angolan capital, for a helicopter to take him to the ocean rendezvous in international waters. Diplomats based in Kinshasa said last night that they hoped the meeting would lead to Mr Mobutu's agreement to go into retirement on the ground of ill health.

"That would give him an honourable exit and avoid a battle for the capital," said a European diplomat close to the talks. But members of Mr Mobutu's party, the National Movement for Revolution, and his own clan have been reluctant to agree to his departure as rebels have been closing in on Kinshasa.

"What guarantees have we got that we won't be killed by the rebels? Mobutu is not just a man. He's a whole system," complained one member of his clan.

Locals said yesterday that the town of Kenge had been abandoned by Zairean government forces as the rebels continued their advance towards Kinshasa. The loss of the town without a fight now leaves only about 120 miles of good road between the rebels and the Government's defences outside the capital.

☐ **Washington:** France is reported to have conducted a clandestine military operation to bolster President Mobutu as the rebels advance (Tom Rhodes writes).

The operation, which is said to have started within weeks of the outbreak of the rebellion in January, involved at least three combat aircraft from the former Yugoslavia, pilots and mechanics, and the service of at least 80 Serb, French and Belgian mercenaries.

US intelligence agents and an official working for a French company used as cover for the project told *The New York Times* it was possible that the covert operation may have been run by French intelligence without the knowledge of other branches of the Government in Paris. Jacques Rummelhardt, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry, denied any involvement by his Government. "France condemns all mercenary activity in Zaire," he said.

The South African naval ship *Outeniqua*, on which the Mobutu-Kabila talks are being held

ABDELHAK SENNA / EPA

A Rwandan Hutu, stricken with hunger, at the Biaro refugee camp after trekking through forest where thousands had fled from rebel troops

Leading players near final scene

By Sam Kiley

LAURENT KABILA'S campaign against Zaire's dictator neared its end yesterday when he came face to face with President Mobutu Sese Seko — 32 years after fleeing to the bush to become a guerrilla fighter.

The two men met on a South African warship rolling in Atlantic waves, holding bits of a puzzle which, put together, will indicate the future of 47 million people in a country the size of Western Europe.

Mr Mobutu, 66, has closely guarded his hand, even from his family. No one knows if the ailing President, suffering from prostate cancer, will take the honourable route offered by Mr Kabila and backed by America to retire on the ground of ill-health. The alternative would be to stay on in his Tshatshi palace, watching his capital disintegrate into a bloody battle field.

Mr Kabila is the most powerful man in Zaire after capturing its economic and agricultural heartlands. With his troops a mere 150 miles from the capital, he could only have dreamt of such a meeting. His part of the puzzle is less complicated; should he allow Mr Mobutu an honourable, face-saving exit?

The temptation to "march on Kinshasa and eject him", as he had promised to do if the President did not step down, is still there. But recently he has come under heavy diplomatic pressure, particularly from Washington, to slow his advance on the capital to avoid the massive bloodshed that many fear would ensue should the fighters of his Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire back Mr. Mobutu's 20,000-strong presidential guard against the wall.

After three decades in obscurity at the head of various ineffective armed bands, Mr Kabila has come to world fame in seven months — an achievement his original "handlers" in Rwanda and Uganda, and his political backers in Washington, never foresaw.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fashion trio guilty of bribes

Milan: Three top Italian fashion figures, Gianfranco Ferre, Santo Versace and Krizia, were found guilty yesterday of paying bribes to tax police.

Ferre, Versace, brother and business manager of Gianni Versace, and Krizia — real name Mariuccia Mandelli — each received suspended jail sentences of one year and two months.

All three, who argued they were the victims of corrupt officials, have paid damages roughly equivalent to the amount they gave in bribes in 1990.

Ferre handed over £125,00, Versace £100,000 and Krizia £160,000. Three others who faced charges, including Giorgio Armani, sought a plea bargain early in the case and paid damages. *(Reuter)*

Killer executed

Atmore, Alabama: A man aged 62 was executed in the electric chair for killing three people in 1977 after he was refused permission to marry a girl of 13. *(AP)*

Asylum hopes

Sydney: A court here told Australia to reconsider an East Timorese man's asylum request, raising hopes for another 1,300 who have fled Indonesian rule. *(AP)*

Desert ordeal

Niamey: At least 36 people died in the Niger desert after their lorry became lost in a sandstorm last week. Searchers found eight survivors. *(Reuter)*

Peeper's pence

Tokyo: Yoichiro Iino, Mayor of Kitakata, said he would punish himself by halving his salary for six months for peeping into a women's bath. *(Reuter)*

Close shave

Copenhagen: A bomb hidden in an electric razor and sent to a member of the Danish Bandidos biker gang was uncovered by a jail X-ray machine. *(AFP)*

Brazil jails massacre policeman

From Gabriella Gamini in Rio de Janeiro

THE first of 52 policemen, on trial for the massacre of 21 people in a Rio de Janeiro shantytown nearly four years ago, was sentenced to life in prison yesterday. The trial, which began last week, is expected to trigger long-overdue action against police brutality in Brazil.

Judge José Geraldo Antonio sentenced Paulo Roberto Alvarenga, a military police officer, to 449 years in prison for taking part in the killing of the Vigario Geraldo slum residents on August 30, 1993. The remaining officers will be sentenced singly in hearings expected to last for weeks.

It is the biggest human rights trial in more than a decade of civilian rule and shows that the Government of President Cardoso is committed to a "clean-up" of the security forces.

The trial of Alvarenga retraced the night when armed policemen, wearing balaclavas, raided the shantytown and left behind a pile of bodies, including eight women and five children. Police attacked the slum, above the famed Ipanema beach, to avenge the killing of four fellow officers, believed to have been murdered by drug traffickers.

Before raiding the slum, the police killed a student and a shopkeeper. Witnesses said the police spread themselves round the brickbuilt shacks and fired for at least an hour. A family of seven died as they slept, and eight people were riddled with bullets as they drank beer in a bar.

Epidemic of corruption infects Indian coalition

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

INDIA'S fragile new coalition Government is being unsettled by one of the greatest corruption crises in 50 years of independence, confirming the chronic condition of the country's disintegrating political system.

So endemic has corruption become that it has produced an entire vocabulary to lend respectability to the business of bribery. This is used as a form of etiquette to ease the embarrassment of those giving and receiving backhanders. The nomenclature varies in different regions of the country.

In the large southern state of Karnataka, a bureaucrat or politician who accepts bribes is said to be willing to "take lunch". To offer lunch to a public official is a deliberately ambiguous gambit before producing a bribe. Other parts of southern and eastern India use the term *chiri-miri*, roughly translating as "salt and pepper". Another euphemism from the south, now also popular in the north, is *chai pani*, or "tea money".

Policemen who stop motorists for minor offences might ask for *chai pani*. So might an airport baggage-handler for ensuring that bags destined for Bombay do not end up in Beirut. Postmen require regular "sweeteners" — another euphemism — to stop letters disappearing.

In some regions a bribe is a *chip-chip* or a *dash*. Suitcases have taken on special significance as instruments of corruption because the biggest political crooks receive their bribes in them. Cartoonists depicting corrupt politicians invariably place a suitcase in the picture to indicate the scale of venality involved. "Suitcase politics" is a euphemism for corrupt political practice.

The scandal currently dominating the front pages is spectacular even by the worsening standards of high-level fraud, which began in earnest during Indira Gandhi's rule in the 1970s and has reached unprecedented proportions in recent years. It involves the theft of perhaps £170 million from the northern state of Bihar, the poorest in the country, enriching politicians and bureaucrats.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has publicly stated its wish to prosecute Laloo Prasad Yadav, the populist Chief Minister of Bihar and president of the Janata Dal (People's Party), the principal component of the 13-party coalition Government in Delhi. The affair involves payments by the Department of Agriculture over many years for the purchase of non-existent fodder.

Gujral: prosecutions put him in dilemma

Such is the parlous state of politics in Bihar, that the state's High Court ordered that no police officers or bureaucrats involved in the corruption investigations could be transferred from their jobs without court permission. It is common practice in Bihar, as elsewhere, for politicians to punish awkward senior officials by transferring them to undesirable jobs in other parts of the state.

The CBI says it has completed investigations into the involvement of 56 people, and is probing 44 others. The President of the country must sanction any prosecution of federal ministers, and the Governor of Bihar must do likewise for top local politicians. One Delhi minister, Chandradev Prasad Verma, a Janata Dal member, is among the accused. The President will consult Inder Kumar Gujral, the new Prime Minister, before deciding whether charges can be levelled.

Mr Gujral faces a dilemma. He threatens to destabilise his Government if he sanctions Mr Verma's prosecution; likewise, the prosecution of Mr Yadav could shake the administration. The CBI has often been misused by Prime Ministers to harass political opponents. But Mr Gujral is anxious not to sully his reputation for honesty by interfering with the inquiry, and will doubtless allow the law to take its course.

Mandela under fire over lion-hunt scandal

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

THE horrors of South Africa's lion-hunting industry, in which lions in captivity are drugged, shot and skinned for "tourist trophies", are due to be shown on British television next week in a documentary whose producers have accused President Mandela's Government of failing to act to protect the animals.

Among allegations in the documentary is that hunting operators have lured lions out of the Kruger National Park to be shot by tourists paying thousands of dollars for the pleasure. *The Cook Report* will show footage of a lioness being shot several times against an electrified fence by a tourist, who then poses with the animal before its coat is skinned to become a "trophy".

Gareth Patterson, a South African environmentalist who was involved in the investigations, says that the hunted lions are being bred in captivity for the hunter's gun. More than 300 animals are said to be involved. Mr Patterson tells of one case in which a boy takes 16 shots to kill a badly wounded lion.

In another incident, a German hunter, unable to stalk on foot, is driven into an enclosure and shoots his "trophy" from the vehicle.

Mr Patterson believes the television documentary could lead to calls for a tourism boycott of South Africa and he has called on the Government to take immediate action to end the trade.

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Clinton offers tax deal to end budget stalemate

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON and Republicans in Congress were poised last night to reach a historic agreement to balance the government budget in five years, a move which would give an emphatic conservative tone to the President's second term.

The White House was on the verge of agreeing to tax cuts almost as severe as Republicans originally demanded, and to increasing cuts in the Medicare health insurance programme.

The deal, which would end months of stalemate in Congress and help to lift the paralysis which has gripped Washington since President Clinton's inauguration, has enraged liberal Democrats, who oppose spending cuts on social programmes, as well as right-wing Republicans committed to sharp tax cuts.

The compromise was heralded on Capitol Hill as a milestone in Mr Clinton's presidency, and a powerful sign that he intends to deliver the centrist "New Democrat" philosophy of his election manifesto.

It was also seen as evidence that the Republicans are determined to shake off the hard-right, radical image which damaged them so badly in November's elections.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Trent Lott, Senate majority leader, have been determined during negotiations to avoid reminding people of the intransigence of Mr Gingrich's "revolutionaries" two years ago, when they shut down government after failing to reach accord.

Despite the opposition of the radical wing of each party, it was expected last night that Mr Clinton and Republican leaders would push the deal through. "If the leaders who shake hands on the deal can't make it stick, we may as well give up and try another system of government", said Stephen Hess, senior political analyst with the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

However, the conservative stance of the budget may stoke up political problems for Vice-President Al Gore. Mr Gore, who wants to succeed Mr Clinton to the White House in 2000, faces a battle for the Democratic nomination with Richard Gephardt, leader of Democrats in the House. Mr Gephardt, an unapologetic Old Democrat fiercely opposed to cuts in social programmes, is expected to use this budget as a tool to undermine support for Mr Gore within the party.

The proposed deal would eliminate by 2002 the annual deficit which America's governments have run since 1969. It would cut Medicare spending by $115 billion (£71 billion) over that period, but would still allow $137 billion in tax reductions.

In a resolution of one of the most controversial sticking points, the outline is understood to include a "fix" to the consumer price index, which overstates inflation. The index, which determines how fast pensions rise each year, as well as the wages of some workers in unions, will be ratcheted down by 0.25 percentage points the first year and by 0.40 the second year.

In a second controversial move which delighted financial markets, the deal also proposes to cut taxes on capital gains and large estates.

US critical of Britain

Washington: Britain was less aggressive than its Allies in tracking down looted Nazi gold sold to Switzerland during the Holocaust, according to an American government report to be published next week (Tom Rhodes writes).

The long-awaited document will for the first time offer conclusive evidence that the Third Reich not only sent the Swiss its plunder from national treasuries, but that it dispatched gold personal items culled from individual victims of the Nazi terror.

American officials said yesterday that, although Britain was serious in conducting economic sanctions against the Third Reich, it was subsequently less eager to pursue the spoils of the Holocaust.

PATRICK DE NOIRMONT / REUTER

Linda Finch, the American pilot emulating Amelia Earhart's attempt to fly round the world, greets welcomers at Bangkok airport in front of Lockheed Electra

Halfway mark for US pilot

FROM REUTER
IN BANGKOK

LINDA FINCH, the American woman pilot, arrived in Bangkok yesterday to a grand welcome after crossing the halfway mark in her bid to emulate Amelia Earhart's round-the-world journey 60 years ago.

Ms Finch arrived from Chiang Mai in a 1935 Lockheed Electra 10E, the same model used by Earhart, who vanished between New Guinea and Howland Island in the Pacific in 1937.

"I think Amelia was a great heroine in our time. This aircraft is the same model that was built 62 years ago, the only difference is that this plane has been equipped with modern electronic gear," Ms Finch told about 200 people who had gathered at the airport to greet her.

The plane, one of only two remaining, was restored for "World Flight 1997", a $4.5 million (£2.7 million) project. Ms Finch's trip will last two and a half months, cover 26,748 miles and span five continents. Ms Finch began her flight on March 17 in Oakland, California.

Anti-gang plea to children from death row

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON

CALIFORNIA'S only death row cell block sits like a fortress overlooking San Francisco Bay. Views from its slit windows are superb, but visitors are greeted by the sight of a chimney rising 40ft from its gas chamber.

Yards away, in a high-security visiting room, the only surviving founder of America's most dreaded street gang took another bite of microwaved chicken and said dying was the last thing on his mind. Instead he was "ecstatic" to have been forgiven by the neighbourhood he once terrorised.

Redemption on death row usually costs dear, but for Stanley "Tookie" Williams it has come years before his date with the executioner, and in the unusual form of an apology broadcast to thousands of rapt children.

> ❝ I would attack anyone, knock them down, stomp them on the ground. I never felt remorse. That was the madness of it ❞

Williams, 43, co-founder of the Crips, was convicted in 1981 of four killings in South-Central Los Angeles, including the execution-style shooting of a teenage store clerk. It was the gruesome climax of ten years as a ringleader of the gang mayhem that has left more than 7,000 dead in America's inner cities in the past five years alone. With 22in biceps and the neck of a bull, he was as feared as any gangster from LA to Chicago. Addicted to the drug PCP, he was especially vicious when high.

Sixteen years on he is still enormous, but claims to have renounced violence and read the dictionary from cover to cover. He has also written best-selling children's books urging youngsters to give up gangs.

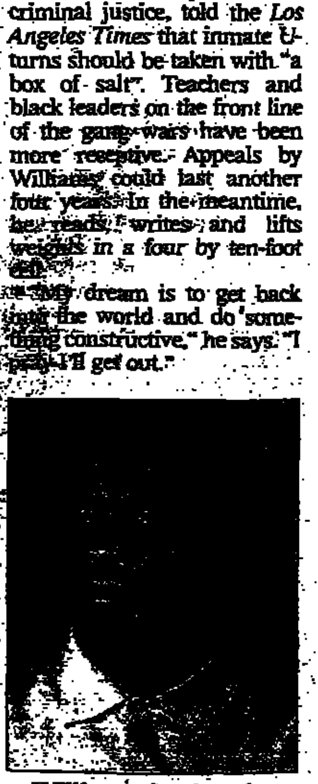
Last month the Greater Bethany Church in South-Central erupted in applause when his recorded plea for an end to gang warfare was played at a Sunday service.

"I was their worst nightmare," he said in an interview with *The Times*. "Most bad people only have to turn through 180 degrees, but I was twice as bad. I would attack anyone. Often I'd knock them out, but other times I'd knock them down, then stomp them on the ground to let them know who'd hit them. I never felt one bit of remorse. That was the madness of it.

"My goal now is to appeal to kids on a level they will understand; to tell them prison is not a rite of passage or a cool place to kick back and relax, which is what I thought it was. It's degrading, lonely and disgusting."

Williams's anti-gang campaign, complete with a "Tookie's Corner" Internet website, is by far the most sophisticated effort to come from San Quentin since California resumed executions after 23 years in 1992. Death-row epiphanies are commonplace, however, and this one has been widely scorned. One publisher called Williams's books simplistic and "a far-fetched form of celebrity worship", while Mark Fleischer, a professor of criminal justice, told the *Los Angeles Times* that inmate U-turns should be taken with "a box of salt". Teachers and black leaders on the front line of the gang wars have been more receptive. Appeals by Williams could last another four years. In the meantime, he reads, writes and lifts weights in a four by ten-foot cell.

"My dream is to get back into the world and do something constructive," he says. "I pray I'll get out."



Williams: forgiven by the area he terrorised

Police win surrender of Texas separatist

BY GILES WHITTELL

A LEADING member of the Republic of Texas separatists, succumbing to a mounting show of force by the authorities, left the group's base in the Davis Mountains yesterday and surrendered.

In full military fatigues, Robert Scheidt, who called himself the head of the group's bodyguard detachment, walked out of the heavily defended "embassy" compound and was promptly arrested on charges of organised criminal activity and hoarding weapons.

Helicopters, horses and dogs were used on Thursday night to increase pressure on the 13 people still holding out in the name of an independent Texas after a five-day siege by 100 armed police.

Electricity to the compound was also cut off "as a non-violent, non-threatening way of showing that we are serious about resolving this dispute", a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety said yesterday.

The earlier arrest of Mr Scheidt, 43, on weapons-related charges led to the siege last Sunday. Three of his comrades raided a neighbour's home, taking its occupants hostage and injuring one of them before insisting on Mr Scheidt's release.

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Polish President looks ready to jettison Clinton-style image for Blair flair

Labouring for a change

WARSAW FILE
by ROGER BOYES

FOR the past 18 months, the chubby, tennis-playing Aleksander "Olek" Kwasniewski has been borrowing his political clothes from chubby, jogging President Clinton. Bill and Hillary, it seemed, were the mould for the Polish President and his sleek, ambitious wife, Jolanta. Now that the murky past has begun to catch up on the Washington couple, the Tony and Cherie model is in vogue in Warsaw. "Left-leaning leaders come in pairs nowadays", a bright young sociologist tells me. "It's the Noah's Ark syndrome."

Mr Kwasniewski is the right generation — 43 years old — and has the appropriate rattle-bag of half-convictions. Like Bill and Tony, he is thesis and antithesis: "I *sometimes say, jokingly of* course, that I am an unbelieving Christian," he said recently in a comment that is sure to impress the Pope when he arrives this month for his sixth Polish pilgrimage.

Olek has absorbed a great deal of Mr Clinton: he has marketed his family life, he is ready to reorganise a busy schedule to be photographed with Michael Jack*son, he has* reshuffled the prompt cards that function as his biography (falsely claiming, for example, to have completed a masters degree).

He even affects a passion for the saxophone music of Kenny G. To *keep* pace with Clinton chumminess, Mr Kwasniewski knocks back Scotch at receptions; critical journalists claim to have spotted him tipsy at the United Nations and in Minsk.

Jolanta plays along. Like Hillary, she studied law and gets into trouble with property deals. As an estate agent she threw a few useful deals in the direction *of friends from the* former Communist Party.

Mr Kwawsniewski's predecessor, Lech Walesa, remained something of a *mystery*, if only because of his muddled statements and warring courtiers.

By contrast, the Polish public knows too much about the reigning Polish First Family: that Jolanta, for example, uses sunbeds, has an obsession for buying shoes, likes Chanel No 5 because it reminds her of her mother, weighs 8st 9lb, is a good amateur dress designer *with a liking for plunging cleavages and* skirts that stop above the knee. Olek prepares breakfast in the palace for his wife and daughter before heading for the tennis court.

Great energy has been applied to reinventing the President who was, a mere *decade ago, a Communist* minister and a fully paid-up member of the Red establish*ment. His friends and advisers* are familiar faces from the bad old days: Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the former Communist Prime Minister, gives him tips, Jerzy Urban, the martial law spokesman, invites him round for parties, and Jerzy Wiatr, the former ideologist who is now Education Minister, has a medal quietly pinned on his chest.

Perhaps there is some merit in a man *who does not* renounce his friends, despite their blighted history. Some Poles are, however, beginning to smell a rat as they see the steady advance and reappearance of career apparatchiks in state institutions and ministries: can they too have reinvented themselves?

The Bill model has worked — Kwasniewski's popularity rating is high — but may have run its course. Tony Blair's concern with constitutional re-engineering and domestic reform appears to the Polish President's team to set *a fitting example for the next phase of the* Kwasniewski tenure.

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Aleksander Kwasniewski: he and his wife Jolanta initially reinvented themselves using America's First Couple as role models

Kohl wrestles with faith of Eurosceptics

THE Germans are doing their best to talk the Polish Catholic Church out of its entrenched Euroscepticism. With the help of the conservative Europhile Konrad Adenauer Stiftung — the favourite think-tank of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor — the Church has set up a special European integration unit, the Studium Europa Generale.

Nevertheless, the Catholic Church, the traditional defender of the Polish nation, has been making deeply critical remarks about Poland's ambition to join the European *Union*.

Even the Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, has been giving warnings that European membership will sap Poland's spirituality and open the way for consumerism, drug abuse and pornography.

The Pope's advice on signing up for Europe will be closely watched during his pilgrimage which begins on May 31. The trip will be the pontiff's first official visit to his homeland since his fifth pilgrimage in August 1991. Since Euro*pean accession has* to be approved by referendum — and since Poles still listen to the voice from the pulpit — the Church's view is politically vital. Hence the German lobbying.

Ivana Trump: awarded $50 million in split-up

Trumps on verge of divorce

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

DONALD TRUMP, whose appetite for expensive divorces is legendary, was ***heading for another*** **large helping yesterday as news broke here of a "final rupture" with his wife, Marla Maples.**

According to the ***New York Post*****, which carried the story on its front page with the headline "It's Over", "the Donald may soon be doing The Split". Mr Trump, America's best-known self-made man, whose fortune has been estimated at $2.5 billion (£1.5 billion), married Ms Maples, America's best-known "Georgia Peach", four years ago after a vitriolic divorce from his previous wife, Ivana.**

The ***last*** **Mrs. Trump waltzed away with more than 50 million of Mr Trump's dollars, as well as his handsome country estate in Greenwich, Connecticut. But Ms Maples, Trump-watchers calculate, could waltz away with considerably more.**

Although husband and wife are tighter-lipped on the subject than America's press would like them to be, the reason for a parting of ways is believed to be relatively straightforward. A source close to ***Mr Trump told the*** **paper: "He's looking for his freedom." Another source** ***said:*** **"Donald's life is his work, and he's not going to change. Unfortunately, he doesn't have enough time for Marla — she isn't his top priority".**

Drivers plan new French blockade

BY SUSAN BELL
IN PARIS AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRENCH *lorry drivers* are threatening to blockade roads and borders on Monday in a repeat of the dispute that prompted two weeks of chaos last November, strangling the country's economy and causing serious disruption to business across Europe.

The new strike could cause serious problems for British tourists planning to spend the bank holiday in France.

The strike is being called by the two leading haulage unions, the Force Ouvrière *(FO)* and the *Communist-led* CGT. The lorry drivers believe that the Government has reneged on a deal reached at the end of November's dispute to allow lorry drivers with more than 20 years of service to retire at 55 rather than 65.

According to Roger Poletti, the fiery head of the transport division of the powerful FO union, the agreement has been structured so that only 350 drivers have been judged eligible for early retirement out of the 3,779 whom unions believe should qualify. Union leaders are disputing the fact that lorry drivers who switch between working *for a haulage* company and becoming owner-drivers over the 20-year *period have* been disqualified.

"What the Government and the haulage bosses have done to us is a theft of trust," said M Poletti. "This time we are not going to lift the blockades until the agreement is written in marble." He added that it was likely that lorry drivers would target borders and Channel ports to cause maximum disruption.

However, Jean-Pierre Prou, *the leader of the CGT union*, said that the strike would be limited to Monday. "We don't want to redo 1996," he said.

☐ **Chamonix:** A group from France, Italy and Switzerland has set up a cross-border liaison committee and called for a European and national transport policy of transferring long-distance freight traffic from road to rail.

Former leaders face Prague treason trial

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PRAGUE

THE last Communist *Party* leader of Czechoslovakia and two other *former* party officials were charged with treason yesterday for their role in the 1968 Soviet-led invasion that crushed the "Prague Spring" reforms.

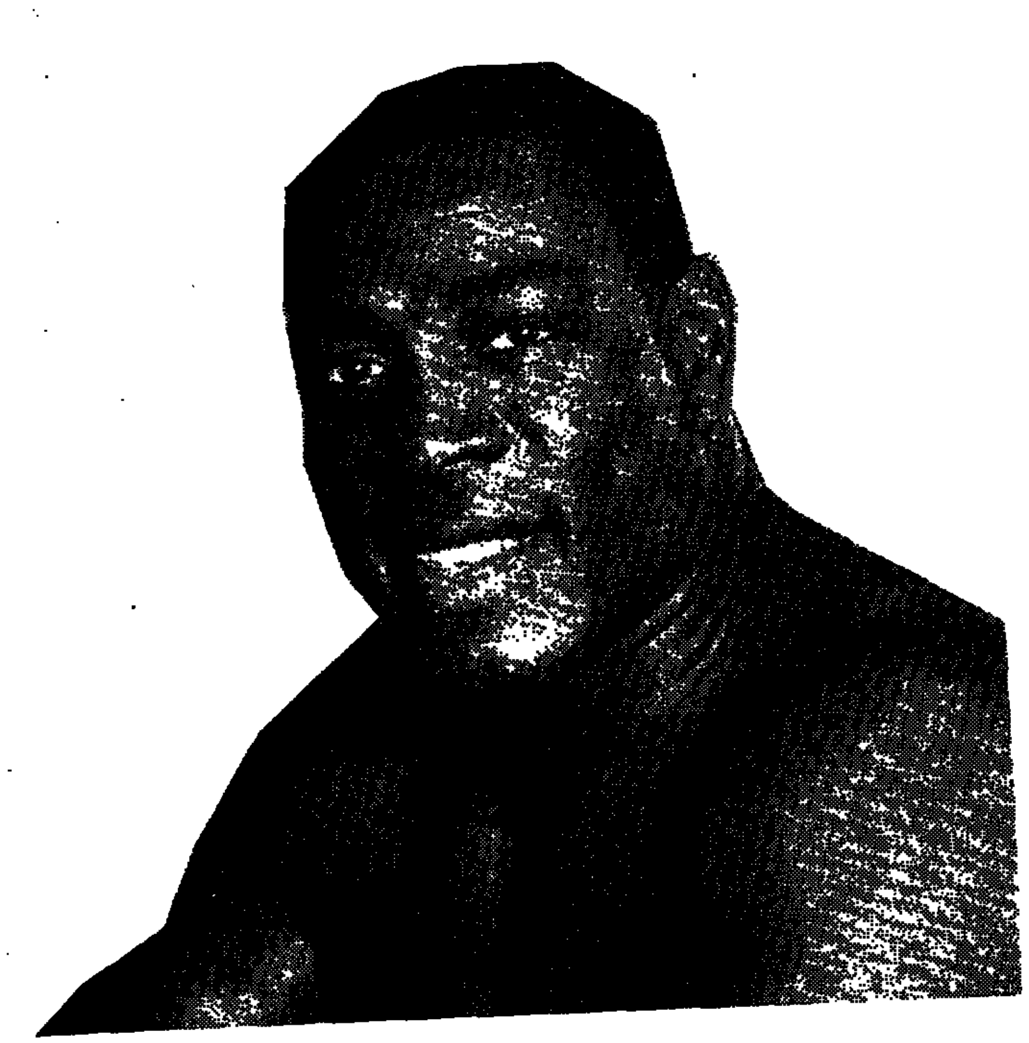
All three are accused of holding talks at the Soviet Embassy on August 22, 1968, *on forming* a "government of workers and peasants" to replace the lawful reform-minded Czechoslovak Government. It *never* was formed, but the men became senior officials of the Communist Party apparatus that led the country for the next 21 years.

Milos Jakes, 74, led the party purges after the invasion and later became party leader. He was ousted in the 1989 anti-Communist revolution. *Also* charged were Karel Hoffmann, 72, and Jozef Lenart, 73. Each could be sentenced *up to* 12 years in jail.

Mr Hoffmann was director *of communications* in 1968, and allowed the Russians to seize control of the communications system and effectively paralyse Czechoslovakia's defences. He was later head of the Communist trade unions. Mr Lenart, a Slovak, was Czechoslovak Prime Minister *after the invasion*.

The 1968 invasion ended a brief period of reform under *Alexander Dubcek*, and is a seminal point in recent history for both Czechs and Slovaks, *who split their* federation into two independent countries after the anti-Communist revolt. *It* strengthened Soviet political control and introduced the Soviet military presence, which finally ended in 1991.

No Communist official has yet been punished in connection with the Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, leading to widespread criticism from those who were jailed afterwards.



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The nation's covenant with Labour

David Hope urges Tony Blair to keep his promises, for all our sakes

Six weeks is an eternity in politics. At last the election campaign is over. The nation has spoken. We wake up this morning to a new Government and a fresh start. Mr Blair and new Labour have made their compact with the British people, and they have overwhelmingly endorsed it.

The 1997 election campaign has been neither exciting nor impressive. Elections, in which the ideals of democracy supposedly achieve their highest expression, are often the occasions on which those ideals are most severely tested and tarnished. The campaign became wearisome and repetitive. The parties called for trust in themselves and their leaders, but for distrust and fear of their opponents. There was too much emphasis on immediacies and expediencies, too little on principles and the longer-term vision, and hardly any thorough debate on some of the important issues facing the country.

There were two significant interventions from the churches, one from the Roman Catholic bishops and one from the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, attempts at what *The Tablet* described as "the re-moralisation of political debate in Britain" which the churches and other faith communities will need to continue to promote, and to which the new Government will need to attend, if it is to harness the mood of the people.

The divisiveness and acrimony of the campaign makes all the more challenging the task now before us all — to face the future together as one nation. In addressing that task, the primary responsibility for leadership rests with the newly-elected Government. I am reminded of some words of one of my great predecessors at York, Archbishop William Temple: "Governments affect the conduct of their subjects far more by the principles implicit in their acts than by the requirements of legislation." The important point, however, is that the very requirements of legislation ought always to reflect and embody the principles. Much has been promised for a better Britain by the incoming administration. Expectations are high.

But in any healthy democracy, the task of responsible leadership is shared by the political parties in Opposition. It was Disraeli who wrote, "No system of government can be long secure without a formidable Opposition". For the "formidable Opposition" provides the necessary challenges, checks and balances, particularly for a government with a substantial majority. It would be regrettable if the Conservative Party, in particular, were to descend into a morass of recrimination and party strife. Again, there is much truth in Temple's comment that "the defence of government by a majority is not that the majority is always right; on the contrary, the only thing you know for certain about a majority with regard to any new issue is that it is sure to be a little wrong". If we are truly to see a better Britain, then as well as strong and purposeful government we shall need a vibrant Opposition.

In teaching us to pray for our rulers, the Bible recognises that those who govern justly are sharing in the purposes and work of God. Although the Bible does not prescribe democracy, nevertheless the Judaeo-Christian understanding of the ambivalence of human nature strongly endorses the principles of democracy. As Niebuhr, the American theologian, put it: "Man's capacity for evil makes democracy necessary, and man's capacity for good makes democracy possible." Such a view is endorsed by the Chief Rabbi when he writes, "Democracy, as the most effective form we know of accountability to those affected by government policies, has powerful biblical support."

One key word and concept in the Bible, used frequently in the Old Testament and taken over into the New, is that of "covenant". Overarching all other covenants is that between God and His people. And the implication is clear that it is only when any covenant mirrors the Divine that it will best promote human flourishing in freedom, responsibility and security. A covenant is the foundation upon which all right relationships are built. It goes beyond a mere contract, in which those involved enter into defined but limited mutual obligations. It is altogether richer, more profound and comprehensive than that. It represents an ongoing commitment to the relationship, in mutual loyalty, in openness and accountability, regardless of short-term self-interest. Within it, above all else, faithfulness to promises, trust and truth are fundamental.

The British people have made a covenant with new Labour. A real priority will be to ensure that the covenant principles of faith and trust are rehabilitated in the nation's political life. For as much as anything, the election campaign has demonstrated a worrying lack of trust on the part of the public towards politicians. Failure now to deliver would have serious consequences not only for new Labour, but for our whole democratic system. Promises of the "I give you my word" variety have been solemnly made. Trust has been sought and given, and were this trust to be traduced, the basis of confidence in democracy itself would be undermined. The thunderings and lightnings of Sinai are a timely reminder to us all — both of grace and judgment.

He must take advice from outside as well as inside his party

Now is the time to resurrect Lord Nolan's *Seven Principles of Public Life*, and in particular honesty and integrity — for these are what lie at the heart of the covenant. If such a covenant is to be realised, then it demands the participation of us all. The churches will be specially concerned that the talk about social cohesion is delivered in terms of government policy.

We must begin anew from what we have in common, and establish lines of communication between all who desire the emergence of a nation in which respect, integrity, honesty and love of neighbour are at the core of our life together.

Mr Blair will need to listen and take advice from those outside as well as inside his party. He will need to ensure that in the framing of his party's legislative programme, and in his day-to-day decision-making, he does not lose sight of the longer-term vision, which goes beyond the political and economic arena and incorporates the spiritual and moral values of a renewed humanity.

There is, too, a dynamic about any covenant relationship which skilfully balances the interests and needs both of society as a whole and of the individual. It is a living, transformative and ennobling relationship which seeks the fulfilment of God's purposes for all, and in which the art of government, as Temple so well remarked, is "the art of so ordering life that self-interest prompts what justice demands".

The covenant has been made. We wait now for its promises to be delivered — for the common good.

The author is the Archbishop of York

Peter Riddell says the Prime Minister should pick his team boldly, but not rush into policy decisions

Action this day? Beware, Mr Blair

Tony Blair will never have more power and authority than over the next few days and weeks. But this short period of maximum freedom of manoeuvre is just when past prime ministers have taken the decisions, and made the mistakes, that have determined the fate of their governments.

Under the seamless transition of the British constitution — the democratic coup d'état, as it has been dubbed — incoming prime ministers have no time to reflect, or even sleep, after the exhaustion of the campaign. They move into No 10 even before the last results are in, and are expected to take instant decisions to show that a fresh start is being made. But Mr Blair has two advantages denied to his predecessors: a landslide majority and no immediate financial crisis.

Mr Blair is following Harold Wilson's 1964 model of immediate action: announcing the seven senior members of his Cabinet on the day after the election, with the rest today. According to Ben Pimlott's biography, Sir Derek Mitchell, Wilson's principal private secretary, said: "He showed no sign of tiredness: more of demonic energy, excitement and fulfilment."

Mr Blair's first appointments are predictable but also sensible, especially giving John Prescott departmental responsibilities as well as the title of Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Blair will never be in a stronger position to drop some of the obvious duds elected to the Shadow Cabinet to fit the maximum of 22 paid Cabinet posts. Like Wilson, he may intend a reshuffle in 12 to 18 months to promote promising middle-rank ministers. Mr Blair also has the chance to show the reality behind his promise of creating a non-tribal style of centre-left politics. He should appoint a Liberal Democrat or even a pro-European Tory, either as a middle-ranking minister or to a senior advisory post.

Greater dangers lie in instant policy decisions. In 1945, Attlee and his senior ministers had at least served in the wartime coalition, but in 1964, after 13 years in Opposition, Wilson was immediately confronted with a grim Treasury paper showing an unexpectedly big rise in the trade deficit. So barely 24 hours after being appointed, Wilson, James Callaghan and George Brown secretly ruled out devaluation and opted for a temporary import surcharge. They may have had no alternative, given Labour's tiny Commons majority then. But the hasty decision to rule out devaluation fatally undermined the drive for faster growth and had to be abandoned three years later, at a high political cost.

The Blair Government does not face such a crisis, but Gordon Brown will still have to take some urgent decisions. Next Wednesday he will be pressed by Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, to raise interest rates, while Treasury officials will urge an increase in taxes in any midsummer Budget to cool the pace of expansion. Kenneth Clarke has resisted both moves, given the strength of sterling and the fall in public borrowing. However, Mr Clarke suspects that officials will try to bounce his successor into such moves. Mr Brown could blame problems inherited from the Tories and could appear financially responsible. Mr Brown could profit from reading the cautionary tales in *The Wilson Years*, the 1964-66 Treasury diary of former chief economic adviser Sir Alec Cairncross (just published by the Historians' Press).

New governments would generally benefit from pausing and reflecting rather than acting. The pressures of governing are very different from those of campaigning, particularly for a party which has adopted such a safety-first approach to new policy as Labour. If new ministers are to stick within tight spending guidelines, they will have to think afresh. That means listening to their civil servants and consulting. They no longer have to issue a press release a day.

Labour's huge Commons majority may produce problems in time, particularly as the new generation of Labour MPs is instinctively activist. In the short term, Labour should easily be able to brush aside any parliamentary opposition, particularly from the House of Lords, in implementing its constitutional reform programme. But will such a vast Commons majority and a demoralised and divided Opposition remove some of the usual checks on the power of the executive? Similar worries have been expressed after previous landslides but have usually proved to be misplaced, because large majorities are often fractious. Moreover, the judiciary may prove as troublesome to the new Labour Government as it was to the Tories.

Mr Blair's advisers are at pains to argue that the landslide should not mean reverting to "old" Labour habits on spending and taxes. The Government must show that it is "new Labour" by demonstrating its "trust" with voters, notably over negotiating a deal at the Amsterdam summit next month without being accused of betrayal, and by not raising taxes generally (as opposed to the windfall levy) in Mr Brown's first Budget. These will be the first battles of the new Cabinet, which has as many rival barons, and potential diarists, as the Attlee and Wilson Governments did. Just wait for the leaks.

A constitutional adventure

Reform of the political system will dominate Blair's first term as it has not done since Asquith. Wish him luck

Simon Jenkins

When democracy takes aim at a single target, the result is awesome. I sense that Britons awoke yesterday stunned by what they had done. They had murmured, but the constitution had roared. They found they had not just asked the Tories to leave. As if in a frenzy, they had kicked the Government downstairs and into the street, pumping it full of bullet holes and mowing down anything dressed in blue that moved.

The 1997 Labour campaign was an astonishing work of political craftsmanship. True, Tony Blair's new Labour began under his forebears. True, the final credit goes not to Mr Blair, or new Labour, or the media, or Europe, only to the ballot. But Mr Blair's team brought a simple answer to a simple question. Can Labour ever win? Yes, but only with ruthless discipline. The campaign was often cynical and mendacious, but elections in Britain will never again be for amateurs. Many have been magnificent. The 1997 election was war, a ballot blitzkrieg without precedent.

Victory welcomes no buts. Yet the quirks of Britain's parliamentary system have seldom been more bizarre. At this election Labour polled only 1.9 million more votes than it did in 1992, a limited rise in popular support. Mr Blair benefited from Tories fleeing to the Liberal Democrats, exactly as Lady Thatcher benefited from former Labour voters doing likewise in 1983 and 1987. Her opponents were split. So were Mr Blair's. His party has only a slightly higher proportion of the poll (44.4 per cent) than did John Major in 1992. Credit for the crushing nature of this triumph goes to a constitution which now squeezes the weaker of the two parties.

Mr Blair's team brilliantly exploited this squeeze. The outcome has torn up a dozen rulebooks. Swings were far higher in the targeted marginals, showing that strong local campaigning can work. Swings varied wildly with tactical voting, suggesting a new sophistication on the part of voters. The Tories' famed canvass returns were clearly useless. Elections will now plunge even deeper into a fog in which manifestos, policies, debates, "issues" are merely a distant, indistinct noise. Labour's campaign was the apotheosis of the abstract noun. The message was a beam of dazzling light. It would briefly range the horizon, but found rest only on a black door marked No 10. Labour's campaign was superb. We await the film of the play of the book.

While Labour gallops to its victory feast, what a desperate sight is left on the battlefield. Ragged survivors of the massacre wander a blood-drenched soil. A man stops to lift a severed head and bewail a fallen friend. This was not well done. The battle should have been fought last October and on different terrain, that of the economy and nothing but. Look at the costly grapeshot used instead — prisoners incarcerated, grammar schools pledged, farmers subsidised, spouses tax-relieved — all weapons now smashed and worthless. Where now the Tarzan of the Triple Whammy, where the Portillistas of Euroscepticism? Where my lords of Saatchi and Chadlington? The focus reports and the soundbites are flapping in the wind, many of them shredded by friendly fire. "How sour sweet music is when time is broke."

Yet there is no science so inexact as politics. Who is to say that the Tories did not fight the right campaign? This was no ordinary election. Perhaps even a dream ticket of Pitt, Disraeli, Churchill and Thatcher could not have saved the day for the Tories. Eighteen years was enough, period. Conservatism had made Britain safe enough to give fair play a chance. Labour was electable and the public said to Mr Major, thanks but no thanks. It was the other guy's turn. Half the "switchers" of my acquaintance give this as their sole reason for deserting the Tories. Perhaps for the first time in memory, the true winner in a British general election was our old and dear friend, Mr Buggins.

Yet facts are facts. A majority of 177 in the House of Commons renders the place little more than an electoral college. Unless Labour shows more enthusiasm for Commons reform than it has in Opposition, the chamber will be lifeless. Interest will lie in the Tories' internecine strife and in a growing indiscipline on Labour's left. Given the narrow character of Mr Blair's party base, his parlimentary party is unlikely to stay cohesive. While nobody could accuse him of reckless policy commitments, he has created Kennedyesque expectations. Public anticipation of the new Government is near-hysterical. "What betterness?" may yet become the slogan of the dispossessed in months to come, unrelieved by Mr Blair's insistence that he really promised nothing. Except one thing. The early stages of the new Government will be dominated by constitutional reform. On this Mr Blair won both the argument and the election, game, set and match. It was not Mr Blair but Mr Major who made the constitution an election issue. The latter's thesis that Britain cannot tolerate a modicum of devolution, that its political economy is too fragile for the democratic and bureaucratic decentralisation now widespread on the Continent, was ludicrous. It was the more so when he was pursuing an opposite policy in Northern Ireland. Mr Major's advisers, goading him to ever-greater centralisation, should be drummed out of town.

The party he and they have led to defeat is shattered. Longevity and the arrogance of Whitehall robbed 1990s Toryism of its freshness, turning it into a metropolitan, bureaucratised, gas-and-water Thatcherism. It became a Toryism of the think-tanks, not the shires. The cities, the provinces, the local councils and assemblies, professional and academic institutions, were all treated by Mr Major's essentially Treasury view as barbarians beyond the pale.

Yet this party can build itself up from its roots. Few Tory voters appear to have switched direct to Mr Blair. Much humble pie must be eaten by Mr Major's successor, especially on devolution and local democracy. As Disraeli insisted, the Conservative Party is constantly called upon to discover in Opposition the virtues of democracy it so neglects in power.

For Mr Blair, a grass-roots Tory revival may seem a distant threat. Yet what for the Tories is a latent opportunity is for him an immediate challenge. "Enough of talking," he said yesterday, "it is now time to do." He made constitutional reform the engine of his "transformation of Britain". It will give him much trouble. Attention is already devoted to Scottish and Welsh devolution, and to the painful necessity to cede (mostly Labour) MPs in return for any devolution of power. The pledge of an elected mayor for London is less controversial but undeniably more exciting. This is new politics with a vengeance, and could in time come to permeate every town and city in the kingdom. So too should the promised end to rate-capping. The concept of devolving taxing powers extends far beyond a Scottish assembly. If democracy is to be decentralised and refreshed, the key lies in fiscal devolution. All else is constitutional play-acting.

The constitution will dominate the first half of the Blair Government as it has no Parliament since the Asquith era. This is exhilarating to those who believe the updating of British democracy is sorely overdue. New forms of local government participation, new accountability, new representation are on offer.

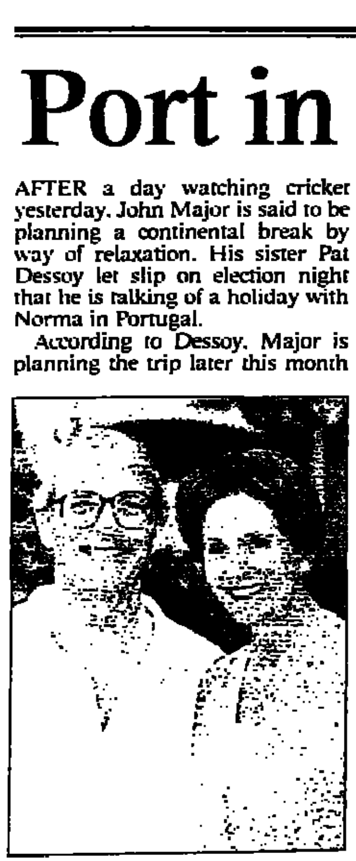
The franchise offers the British electors little excitement. A grubby cross with a sticky pencil hardly leaves them as heroes in the democratic drama. On Thursday, the pencil stabbed a government to its heart. But even that thrill is transient. Mr Blair's constitutional proposals could expand the range of British democracy to a degree not seen in modern times. They are the most specific change new Labour has on offer. The cause is worthy. At the start of this adventure, we can all wish Mr Blair luck.

Port in a storm

AFTER a day watching cricket yesterday, John Major is said to be planning a continental break by way of relaxation. His sister Pat Dessoy let slip on election night that he is talking of a holiday with Norma in Portugal.

According to Dessoy, Major is planning the trip later this month and has already bought the air tickets — a sign that he was none too confident about victory on Thursday night.

"He always buys his tickets well in advance," said his 66-year-old sister, drawing on a Lambert & Butler cigarette. "He usually gets APEX ones which cannot be refunded, but this time he took out a cancellation clause, just in case he got in."



The Majors: holiday-bound.

Had he been re-elected, she added, Major intended to gather his close family for a celebratory lunch in Huntingdon on Bank Holiday Monday. "It would have been nice to have a Bank Holiday knees-up," she said, "but Portugal will be a consolation for him."

She added that the former Prime Minister was likely to return to old haunts in Portugal. In 1993, the Majors broke with their tradition of holidaying at Candeleda in central Spain and headed instead for a villa owned by the port-exporting Symington family, in northern Portugal's wine country. The house has seven bedrooms, 360 acres of Portugal's finest vineyard and, importantly, a cellar stocked with vintage port.

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● *Even the rural slumber of Ambridge has been ruffled by Tony Blair's sweeping victory. For the first time this year, the BBC recorded a "topical insert" yesterday for* The Archers *to be transmitted in the evening. Norma Major, an Archers addict, will have been reassured to hear that, against the national trend, South Borsetshire remained a Conservative seat.*

Election call

THERE was momentary panic at ITN on Thursday night when Dermot Murnaghan, a presenter, was suddenly summoned to his wife's bedside where she was about to give birth.

Murnaghan should have been with the Labour Party at Millbank towers, and gone on afterwards to the champagne-soaked victory celebrations at the Royal Festival Hall. However, his wife produced an 8lb daughter, Molly, at London's University College Hospital at 11pm, shortly after the first result — Sunderland South — came in.

Julia Somerville stepped in and covered for Murnaghan, who is making a habit of this kind of behaviour. His first child, Kitty, was born five years ago a week before the 1992 election. "When Kitty was born I was able to get back to work in time to report on the election," said Murnaghan. "This time, Molly seemed determined to wait before making her entrance on the night itself and she got my vote immediately."

Seeing red

WHILE Labour danced with glee in London's Royal Festival Hall, over at an election night party thrown by Charles Moore, Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, grown men wearing blue rosettes were crying into their champagne flutes.

Emotions tumbled over when two red rosettes, worn by Tony Blair's friend Lord Hollick and the left-leaning television presenter Jon Snow, popped up amid the weeping tide of blue and erupted with joy as Michael Portillo lost Enfield Southgate.

Bruce Anderson, the Brandoesque political editor of the *Spectator* who had already been involved in a fracas with one of his own side that evening, turned on the culprits and told them to leave the room. Ferdinand Mount, editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* and Portillo's former boss at the Number 10 policy unit, took an Etonian approach. "Do you mind," he said, addressing Hollick. "This is the *Daily Telegraph*."

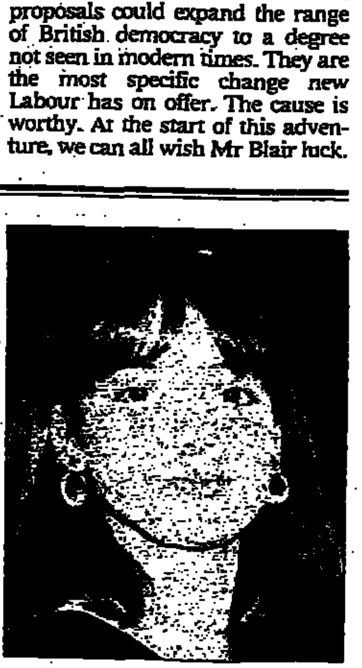
"Don't be hard on Surrey. John Major's watching."

● *For the sheer concentration of "dahlingness" on Thursday night, it would have been impossible to beat the self-satisfied departure from the Royal Festival Hall celebrations of the bearded Lords Attenborough and Puttnam with the architect Lord Rogers and his wife Ruthie. Never have so many hugs, kisses, "dahlings" and "marvellouses" been exchanged by so few.*

Souped up

IF THE size of Labour's majority doesn't cause him to lose weight, cabbage soup will. Chris Patten claims to have been piling on the pounds during a month of farewell feasting in Hong Kong and is trying to limit himself to the soup.

In this month's *Harpers & Queen* magazine, 53-year-old Fatty Pang says that, despite a recent heart attack scare, he is still battling against a tendency to overeat. For nutritional guidance, he need look no further than his daughter, Laura, a health and beauty assistant on the magazine who helped to arrange the interview.



Laura: simply delicious

But he would be advised not to attend a dinner party in her Pimlico flat — the 22-year-old is renowned for her irresistible roast potatoes.

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NOW, PRIME MINISTER

How to make the most of a landslide

While Britain basked in glorious sunshine, *Tony Blair* basked in victory. The weather *seemed* an omen for a change in the political *climate*. At times like these, it is tempting to ask big questions. Have the British really decided to put social cohesion before narrow individualism, as Mr Blair suggested in his brief message to the nation from the steps of Downing Street? Is the country yearning for more decency, compassion and moral renewal? And what would that mean? The answers will become clearer over the next months but Mr Blair cannot afford to spend too long in contemplation.

If the Prime Minister is to use his landslide to maximum advantage, he must exploit the margin of victory immediately. He has already shown how bold he could be in his party management; *now* he can transfer that audacity to the governance of the country. On the economy, on *Europe*, on welfare reform, on making "new" politics real, Mr Blair should act quickly.

While the country is still well-disposed, he can take the necessary *unpopular economic* measures that will ensure the boom does not turn into bust. Interest rates *may have to* rise slightly next week if only to satisfy the *longstanding demand of the Bank of* England, but Gordon Brown must curb the *overvalued pound which is stifling* Britain's exports. Mr Brown must prepare the nation *for a higher taxes in the July* Budget as a substitute for still-higher interest rates. He need not worry about his reputation: the business community is publicly clamouring for tax increases in preference to higher interest rates and a stronger pound.

On Europe, too, Labour will, in Mr Blair's words, have to "hit the ground running". Most incoming Prime Ministers, Margaret Thatcher included, like to focus on domestic policy for a time before they raise their eyes to the wider world. Mr Blair has no such luxury. Amsterdam beckons, along with an imminent decision on a single currency. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, rejoiced in *yesterday's* result as a defeat for Euroscepticism. The Prime Minister should disillusion him: the country felt that it was safe to support Labour only because Mr Blair assured them that he did not want to take Britain into a federal Europe.

Britain's new leader will be in a *commanding position in the councils of* Europe. He will have a bigger and fresher *mandate than any of his counterparts*; and fellow politicians respect large majorities. *Mr Blair has an opportunity to make* alliances against further integration that were *not open to John Major. He should* strongly resist any attempt to push him *around. This election may have been* primarily about domestic policy, but it is the *encroachment of the EU on such policy that* so infuriates Britons. Mr Blair now has the *mandate to make their case* in Europe.

If the new Prime Minister is serious about *reform of the welfare state, he can now put* intention into action. As the Tories discovered *with their pension proposals*, such plans are too easily distorted to be useful *electoral* weapons. *But Mr Blair should* now embark upon a clear-headed reinvention of *social security* that suits the patterns of work and retirement of the new century.

Finally, he can show us what new politics really entail. He could bridge the tribal divide that separates the Centre-Left by including some Lib Dems in his Government — or at least appointing some from their ranks to positions of patronage.

If Mr Blair uses his power imaginatively, he could achieve much. In the interests of national cohesion, *however*, he should also use it responsibly. The elimination of the Conservatives from Scotland and Wales has ensured that the House of Commons will see little effective opposition to Labour's devolution plans. Mr Blair must resist the temptation to exploit this element of his landslide by ramming through ill-considered proposals that fail to address the West Lothian Question. These assemblies will fundamentally alter the pattern of British governance. *They have to be built to last.*

TORIES IN TRAUMA

Leadership candidates should look hard at the people's verdict

As they survey the country that they once *dominated, the shattered survivors of the* Tory Party are struggling to comprehend the scale of, *and reasons for, their defeat. The* party of the Union has been driven back to *its English rural redoubts, sent homewards*, to think again. The Tories will not want for *leisure to consider their future*; but the magnitude of Labour's proposals, especially for the constitution, will require an early and vigorous response. If the Conservative Party is to form a credible Opposition, and in time aspire to govern again, then it must learn the lessons of its defeat. It must be led, not managed. It must be inclusive, not introspective, imaginative not reactive and able to deal confidently with the confidence of Labour's new Prime Minister.

John Major's departure from the stage was moving and measured. But as the curtain comes down on one drama it must not rise on a new Revengers' Tragedy. Difficult as the Conservatives' position is, it could get still worse. If the leadership *election* becomes an auction in recrimination and the inquest an excuse for further *character* assassination then the Tory period in Opposition will be an era not an interlude. An *honest and searching* debate about issues and principles should not descend *into vendetta. The Tory party must* quickly find a champion with a decisive view on Europe and the best *ability to* bring colleagues behind that view.

John Major will bequeath *his successor as* Prime Minister a nation prospering; but his successor as party *leader* will *inherit a* movement profoundly ill at ease with itself. As a steward of the nation's interests, he tamed inflation, presided over an economic revival, showed thoughtful radicalism in his reform of the public sector, a courageous interest in bringing peace to Ireland and an appetite for taking tough but necessary decisions on law and order.

Yet, for all his achievments in Government, *Mr Major failed in the field where he* prided himself most — as a party manager. *By seeking to appease*, he *succeeded only in* exacerbating the divisions within Toryism. *As Paddy Ashdown's performance showed*, the voters seemed to prefer the forthright to *the* finessed. Another *unhappy* consequence of Mr Major's tenure has been the hollowing of the Tory machine. The sorry performance in marginals reflects not only the increasing sophistication of voters but the failure of the Tory Party to bring out activists. They need a leader to motivate them.

They will not find such leadership in Kenneth Clarke. The former Chancellor has considerable gifts. Few politicians can communicate with such ease and authority to the voters. His record of pragmatic economic management is impressive. But, like Michael Heseltine, he is deeply associated with the election debacle. The Tory party cannot unite with vigour around any European policy Mr Clarke is likely to adopt. His promise of a free vote on a single currency would only prolong Tory agony and provide an arena for introspection.

All potential runners must prepare themselves with hard thought. Michael Howard has been a controversial figure in the country at large. But within the Tory party he has combined loyalty with a strong sense of purpose. His claim would come with the additional authority of having already *bested Mr Blair at the dispatch box*. John Redwood has proved his courage and his *European colours* but is *not one* to welcome waverers. William Hague, though little *known and tested, will appeal to some* as the only contender now younger than the Prime *Minister*. Peter Lilley has the *intellectual* power to map out a new path for Toryism in *the future. Even at this low ebb, the Tories* still boast talent. Their next leader must *ensure it is not wasted.*

LIFE AFTER POLLING

When the Oval can be even better than office

Meanwhile, down at the Oval, life goes on. The British Universities, who have just beaten Sussex, *played* fair by John Major yesterday. Without undue difficulty they managed not to *beat his favourite* team, Surrey CCC, which would have been adding insult to injury. But Mr Major's *announcement that* he was leaving Downing Street for lunch at the Oval and then looked forward to an afternoon watching cricket in the sun was characteristic. It also explains why he is widely liked as a *decent man* even by those who would never vote for him.

The long, grinding *election* campaign followed by a political cataclysm has been all-absorbing for those taking part. They have had time for little else. And whatever chance and mischance lie in wait for the *new Government* and the country in the new Parliament, this Mayday election has become a *date to remember* in political history.

But an older tribal wisdom also puts these great events in *perspective*, like the slave riding beside the triumphant Roman general to remind him that he *too* was just a mortal. When the sun goes in and the stormy winds blow, as they soon will *in* a climate that can be as fickle as politics, this will be the day to warm the memory. There was the Guineas Meeting at Newmarket, cricket from county grounds almost as famous as the Oval to the village greens of Mr Major's eternal England, and coaches were driving against the flow to Wembley for today's *rugby* league cup final, where the new Prime Minister may make his first appearance at a *national ritual to present the cup*.

Bluebells and lilac are out for the merriest floral month of the year. Even for those who are simmering in the city centres rather than summering early in the layby, May can be lovely in window boxes and parks. Of course the election was a momentous event, and the Members of the new Parliament have important work to do. But politicians are human *too*. They may not always seem so. And some of the modern cadre of professional *politicians who have never done* anything but politics appear as inhuman as Daleks. But there are better *things for them to do on* the May Bank Holiday even than electioneering. Representative *democracy is made* easier if the representatives share the common humanity of their electors. So Mr Major's escape from the cares of state to the Oval sets a good example to his successor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's landslide and a way ahead for the Tories

From Sir Tim Rice

Sir, As a lifelong Conservative I congratulate Tony Blair on his staggering election success and draw comfort from the fact that he has been elected on largely Conservative policies.

It is an enormous tribute to both John Major and to Margaret Thatcher *that the British political climate* has been changed to such an extent *over the past 18 years that a Labour* Party, transformed out of all recognition, can achieve such an overwhelming success.

If Mr Blair and his team recognise this fact they have every chance of continuing the great work of their illustrious predecessors. I trust that Mr Blair has campaigned on what he *believes and that, if this is correct*, he will in the future be able to stand by these beliefs, inarticulate though they have on occasion been. He will know that a healthy Opposition is vital to the country's wellbeing and can only thrive if it knows what it is opposing.

I hope he puts tampering with our ancient constitution on the back burner and realises that when push comes to shove most of us wish to be *governed by British representatives*.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RICE,
c/o The Four Seasons Hotel,
New York, NY 10022.
May 2.

From Mr Eric Chalker

Sir, The Conservative Party is in no fit state to start an immediate fightback. The sooner this is recognised the better will be our chances when the *opportunity comes*.

For far too long fundamental *questions about the party's structure*, lack of democracy and inability to attract new members have been kept off the agenda. Our interests have been badly served by those who have blocked attempts at reform in the face of mounting evidence that the party was rotting from within.

Robin Hodgson, chairman of the National Union, has started examination of some key issues, but reforming the National Union on its own will not be enough. Nor will allowing member *involvement in leadership elections*. A full constitutional review is required.

Much attention has focused on Europe, but the party does not even have a mechanism for resolving what is clearly a great issue of our time.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC CHALKER
(Member, Executive Committee,
National Union of Conservative
and *Unionist Associations)*,
21 Ingleside Close, Beckenham, Kent.
May 2.

From Sir Peter Smithers

Sir, John Major will go down to history as the Prime Minister who inherited the great reforms of Margaret Thatcher and who enabled Britain to reap much of their benefit. More importantly, he ought to be remembered for the demonstration which he *provided of a dangerous defect in British* constitutional practice.

A prime minister is elected on a "platform", with a mandate to carry *through the measures which it contains*. Not everything can be included for submission to the electorate, and it is reasonable and necessary that he should use his own judgment in day-to-day matters and in confronting problems which were not foreseen at the time of his election. When this practice was established there could *never have been any question of the* surrender of sovereign powers to a foreign organisation.

Two issues arose in connection with the Maastricht treaty which were never placed squarely before the electorate. Both major parties were and still are divided upon them. Was the treaty workable? And if so should sovereignty be surrendered to Brussels in order that Britain might adhere to it?

On the second point it is difficult to understand that in any democratic constitution the prime minister could be justified in deciding to surrender *the sovereign powers with which he* has been entrusted without consultation *with the people who gave them to* him. But this is what Mr Major did, using the whips with unacceptable severity, and rejecting the advice at that time of those of us who foresaw disastrous consequences for the Conservative Party.

No Member of Parliament worth his salt would put party before country in so grave a matter, and the party would split. The electorate, quite rightly, would never vote for a party in that condition.

Had a referendum been held no MP could have quarrelled with the result and *Mr Major might still be Prime* Minister.

It is only common sense that there should be a rule of constitutional *practice that the prime minister is not entitled* to give away the sovereign powers of the Crown in Parliament without a clear mandate from the British people.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PETER SMITHERS
(Secretary-General,
Council of Europe, 1964-69),
In Di Pradon 19,
6921-Vico Morcote,
Switzerland.
May 2.

From Dr Philip Allott

Sir, The ever-wise British electorate may have created the possibility that Tony Blair will complete Margaret Thatcher's half-revolution — something which the astute and benevolent John Major was unable to induce an old-regime Conservative Party in Parliament to do.

The character of British society has *been profoundly changed since* 1979 and Britain is now leading the Western world into new stages of the history of democracy and capitalism. It remains to engage the new kind of society with the values, efforts and ambitions of the British people as a whole — in this country, in Europe and beyond.

Yours truly,
PHILIP ALLOTT,
Trinity College, Cambridge.
May 2.

From Mr Robert Parkinson

Sir, In my opinion this election has not been a success for the Labour Party but only the loan of trust for which Mr Blair has asked.

The achievement will be at the next election, if Mr Blair can substantiate *his claim* that he can turn the country's fortunes around just as he has transformed the Labour Party. Then he will have deserved the trust of the British people and the huge number of seats that his party has won.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT PARKINSON,
49 Abingdon Road,
Barming, Maidstone, Kent.
May 2.

From Mrs Ann Ellis

Sir, If Camelot can tell us how many lottery winners there are within an hour or so surely the time has come for electronic voting, giving instant results. I write this with bleary eyes, having watched results coming in until the early hours.

Yours faithfully,
A. ELLIS,
20 Grangeways Close,
Northfleet, Kent.
May 2.

From Mr Christopher Fernie

Sir, The election results have at least given the Conservative Party one crumb of comfort: the electorate will believe it when it claims that it is the party of one nation — England.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. FERNIE,
40 Grosvenor Way,
Horwich, Bolton, Lancashire.
May 2.

Canadian election

From Mr C. Mark Dixon

Sir, Sadly, I cannot agree with your leader writer (April 30) that "the fratricidal bitterness over Quebec separatism has begun to ebb".

Legislation passed in Quebec permits only one referendum on independence before another provincial election, and while the separatist Government could theoretically pass new legislation permitting that, it *would* prefer to wait and try to get its financial *house in somewhat better order. If the* Parti Québecois is re-elected in the *next provincial election* — as seems highly likely — I believe that another referendum is inevitable.

As you argue, Mr Chrétien can indeed claim success on the economy (albeit with high levels of structural unemployment); but he has been abysmal in building national unity. He was passive in last year's referendum campaign and *has only joined a* legal challenge to the Quebec *referendum law when forced to do so by a private* citizen who was a former separatist. He continues to press for a "distinct society"; but this has already been rejected twice by the rest of Canada and will simply open up old wounds rather than address the underlying problem.

Born near and raised in Montreal, and *in continual touch with Canadian* affairs, I am convinced that a break-*up of the country is now inevitable*. It is merely a matter of time.

Yours sincerely,
C. MARK DIXON,
Boutells Farm, Henny Road,
Lamarsh, nr Bures, Suffolk.
April 30.

Not off the hook

From Miss Helen Tyler

Sir, I and my four fellow second-year physics undergraduates at St Hilda's College were delighted to discover from your report, "One vote prevents male dons joining all-women college" (April 24), that St Hilda's no longer had any physics Fellows. We had been gleefully preparing for a stress-free, work-free term.

Imagine our dismay when we returned at the beginning of term to find our two (female) Fellows still employed, alive and well and ready to keep our noses to the grindstone.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. TYLER,
St Hilda's College, Oxford.
April 26.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Building design

From Mr John Anstey

Sir, Mr Hugh McIlveen, FRIBA (letter, April 29; see also letters, April 22), *says that "during a long and rigorous* course of study architects are trained to design buildings". A cynical building surveyor might reply that it is a pity that the training does not produce more obviously pleasing results. To be trained does not mean that one can necessarily do a job requiring aesthetic inspiration, and some great buildings have been designed by people who are not legally entitled to call themselves architect.

A little less inter-professional jeal*ousy would be a good thing. If a pro*fessional, from either side, gives his clients good service, he may expect to be employed again and recommended to others; if he fails, he does not deserve to get any work. If, as a building surveyor — though admittedly in a *highly specialised niche — I find some* of my work being taken by architects, because *my clients think that* the architects will do the work better, I blame myself, not the architects.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ANSTEY,
Anstey, Horne & Co
(Chartered Surveyors, Rights of
Light and Party Wall Consultants),
31 Newbury Street,
St Bartholomew's, EC1.
May 1.

Doctors' apologies

From the Chief Executive of
The Medical Defence Union

Sir, I read with concern your report of Lord Woolf's speech to the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, *Midwifery and Health Visiting* ("Woolf calls for reform of health disputes", April 24), *in which he drew attention* to the widely held belief that medical staff are reluctant to give an apology or an explanation to a patient affected by an adverse incident, because they are concerned that to do so would prejudice their position with the medical defence bodies in the event of a claim.

The MDU, the UK's largest medical defence body, has been advising its members for nearly forty years that the patient is always entitled to a prompt, sympathetic and, above all, accurate account of the facts. An appropriate apology is an act of common courtesy and not an admission of liability. Most patients choose not to pursue a *complaint* or a claim because the doctor has given them an immediate *explanation and apology. Our* members do not prejudice their position in following this advice.

Yours sincerely,
M. T. SAUNDERS,
Chief Executive,
The Medical Defence Union Limited,
3 Devonshire Place, W1.
April 25.

Nesting habits

From Mrs Geoffrey Burnand

Sir, Mr Phil Ridgway (letter, April 25) can relax about the unorthodox behaviour of his house martins.

Last year our pair of cockatiels kept laying infertile eggs. This year we introduced another male and they now have a convivial *ménage á trois*. All three birds took turns sitting on the eggs and now do the same in elevating the cockatiel chicks.

There is no political correctness in our aviary.

Yours faithfully,
JULIET BURNAND,
Freefolk House,
Martyr Worthy,
Winchester, Hampshire.
April 25.

From the Reverend Julian Sullivan

Sir, Three house martins building a nest? It must be a *ménagerie à trois*!

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN SULLIVAN,
St Mary's Vicarage,
42 Charlotte Road,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
April 25.

Pay per view?

From Dr C. W. Coen

Sir, I am alarmed by the "reader survey" I was asked to complete in one of the British Library reading rooms yesterday. From a range of possible future fees (report, April 30) I was expected to select the three that fit the following categories: "reasonable", "expensive" and "I would no longer visit the library". The absence of a box marked "unreasonable in principle" seems likely to skew the results.

Furthermore, I was asked to classify possible charges for a "flat fee per reader pass" without being informed whether this pass would apply to one visit or to one year.

To add infelicity to inadequacy the questionnaire also tried to establish how strongly I agree with various unintelligible statements such as "Visiting the *British Library* is a *uniquely* different experience"; it certainly was yesterday.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE COEN,
Biomedical Sciences Division,
King's College London,
Strand, WC2.
May 1.

Church's welcome to its children

From Mr Steve Pearce

Sir, Susan Barnard (letter, April 28) is in good company when she wonders why the Church of England only offers communicant status to children once most of them have left. It is, however, for a different reason that these *rules have now changed*.

Bishops may now allow parishes to *introduce patterns of work with children* which include their admission to Holy Communion at a younger age, before confirmation, on the basis of their baptism. Confirmation can then become associated with the beginning of adult ministry rather than Communion.

Our concern in the Church is to *complement our many excellent children's* groups by giving children every opportunity to feel they belong — because they do — and to meet their spiritual needs as far as we are able; and Holy Communion is a great spiritual support for all Anglicans, young or old.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE PEARCE
(Diocesan Adviser in
Children's Work),
Diocese of Southwell,
Dunham House,
Southwell, Nottinghamshire.
April 29.

From Mr James Behrens

Sir, In the early centuries of the Church of England confirmation was not a necessary precondition for admission to Holy Communion. The rule was brought in by Archbishop *Peckham in 1281, and was directed* against the "damnable negligence" of *parents content only to have their* children baptised.

In the early Church confirmation was readily available for young children. Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII and later Queen Elizabeth I, was baptised and confirmed at the same ceremony on September 10, 1533, when she was but four days old.

With the Reformation confirmation came to be seen as a reward for merit rather than as a gift of grace. The Prayer Book of 1549 required candidates *for confirmation to be able to* say the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Com*mandments, the articles of their faith*, and to be able to answer various questions from the short catechism. The current Canon B27 has very similar requirements.

Many dioceses specify that children should be aged ten or even older before being confirmed. But the dioceses of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and Oxford both allow children to be confirmed from the age of seven, provided *that they will thereafter receive* Holy Communion with their families, *and continue to be brought up in the* Christian faith.

As the Ely *report of 1971 remarked*, "Confirmation is the confirmation *of the* candidates rather than the confirmation *by* them of their faith".

If the Church of England were to recognise that confirmation is a gift of grace rather than a reward for merit, children would be confirmed, and would then be able to participate with their families fully in the Holy Communion service from a much younger age than is usually the case.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BEHRENS
(Author, *Confirmation*,
Sacrament of Grace,
Gracewing Fowler Wright, 1995),
13 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
April 28.

From Mrs Anna R. FitzPatrick

Sir, Catching them early at a "more impressionable" age (Mrs Barnard's *words) could be considered as taking* advantage of a young mind. Surely it would be better to *raise* the age of first Communion so that the commitment to Christianity is more considered and likely to be longer lasting.

I became a member of the Church of Scotland at 28. In many ways I believe it is part of growing up to reject the Church in one's teens along with most other things associated with *authority*.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA R. FITZPATRICK,
4 The Hawthorns,
Finch Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
April 28.

Politics and farmers

From Mr P. C. Thompson

Sir, Mr E. D. Leigh-Pemberton (letter, April 26; see also letter, April 29) should be careful about using the word "always" when referring to the NFU's political neutrality. MPs sponsored by the NFU sat in four parliaments between the two world wars: all sat as Conservatives.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. THOMPSON,
16 Edgar Street, Worcester.
May 1.

Time warp

From Mr Jim Platts

Sir, Why did you print most of the April 2 Sun and Moon times today? *Have the election results made you so* keen to turn the clock back?

Yours faithfully,
JIM PLATTS,
3 Station Road,
Willingham, Cambridge.
May 2.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 2: The Rt Hon John Major had an audience of The Queen and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to accept.

The Queen subsequently received in audience the Rt Hon Anthony Blair and requested him to form a new Administration.

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair accepted Her Majesty's offer and kissed hands upon his appointment as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

The Lord Mackay of Clashfern had an audience of The Queen this afternoon and delivered up the Great Seal and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Lord Chancellor.

The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine (First Secretary of State and Deputy Prime Minister), the Rt Hon Michael Portillo (Secretary of State for Defence), the Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell (Secretary of State for Health) and the Rt Hon Virginia Bottomley (Secretary of State for National Heritage) had audiences of Her Majesty and took leave upon delivering up the Seals of their respective Offices and relinquishing their appointments.

The following were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing their appointments: the Rt Hon Dr Brian Mawhinney (Minister without Portfolio, Party Chairman) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Lyell (Attorney General).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Matthew Project, today attended a Service in Bristol Cathedral followed by the departure of the replica of John Cabot's *Matthew* from the Quayside, Bristol, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Bristol (Mr James Tidmarsh).

Mr Peter Longley (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Williams and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 2: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Lytham Heritage Trust at Lytham Hall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire (the Lord Shuttleworth).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 2: The Princess Royal today visited Fishguard to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Last Invasion of Britain and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed (Sir David Mansel Lewis).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children which was *held at the Glasgow Royal Concert* Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Nally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

YORK HOUSE
May 2: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, UK Committee for Unicef, this morning visited Oliviershoek Clinic, Oliviershoek, Kwazulu/-Natal Province, South Africa.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 2: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London from the United States of America.

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr James Brown, soul singer, 64; Miss Pat Chapman, former Editor, *News of the World*, 49; Mrs Kathy Cook, athlete, 37; Mr Henry Cooper, boxer, 63; Sir Graham Day, former chairman, British Aerospace, 64; Sir Russell Fairgrieve, former MP, 73; Sir William Glock, music lecturer and critic, 89; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, 65; Sir William Gray, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, 69; Dr Sir David Harrison, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, 67; Mr M.A. Jones, former chief executive, Association of British Insurers, 53; Professor Ruth Lister, former director, Child Poverty Action Group, 48; Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell, Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 72; Miss Sheila McKechnie, chief executive, Consumers' Association, 49; Sir Christopher MacRae, diplomat, 60; Mr Randle Manwaring, poet, 85; Professor Anne Robertson, Roman numismatist, 87; Viscount St Vincent, 92; Baroness Seccombe, 67; Dr Norbert Singer, former Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, 66; Mr Norman Thelwell, illustrator and cartoonist, 74; Miss Sandi Toksvig, comedian and writer, 39; Mr Allan Wells, athlete, 45; Sir William Wells, regional chairman, South Thames NHS Executive, 57.

Ben Elton, author and comedian, is 38 today

TOMORROW: Mr Frith Banbury, theatrical director, 85; the Rev Professor C.K. Barrett, FBA, theologian, 80; Mr Michael Barrymore, entertainer, 45; Miss Joyce Blow, chairman, Authority of the Direct Marketing Association, 68; the Right Rev D. Farmbrough, former Bishop of Bedford, 68; Sir Stephen Hastings, former MP, 76; Mr Richard Hill, rugby player, 36; the Hon Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd, 54; Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of council, British Medical Association, 65; Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers, 85; Professor Marisa Robles, harpist, 60; Mr Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, conductor, 66; Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 58; Mr Alexander Schouvaloff, former *curator, Theatre Museum*, 63; Professor Robin Sibson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury, 53; Sir Norman Siddall, mining engineer, 79; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, 71; Mr Eric Sykes, comedian, 74; Miss Gillian Tindall, novelist and historian, 59; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 51; Professor Basil Yamey, FBA, economist, 78.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prizewinners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: 17NB 282817, winner has a holding of £10,386 and comes from Somerset; 54NP 419744, £20,000, East Sussex; 31SP 380826, £450, Clwyd; 18YZ 759887, £1,000, East Ayrshire.

£50,000: 27QW 394248, £15,050, Middlesex; 52FN 915736, £10,000, Hereford and Worcester; 57EW 062725, £1,200, Lincolnshire; 55SW 310869, £15,053, South Glamorgan; 36ZS 458711, £17,760, Devon; 37ZB 200430, £20,000, North Yorkshire; 66NK 222890, £10,000, Hereford and Worcester; 28XP 163410, £5,430, Northumberland; 33LW 614420, £20,000, Cambridgeshire; 40VT 787213, £760, Moray.

£25,000: 27FN 052655, £1,521, Berkshire; 9KK 258957, £10, Middlesex; 24FK 001373, £1,000, North Yorkshire; 3LF 190415, £4,017, Wandsworth; 63ZK 508019, £10,000, Surrey; 25YP 912924, £1,300, Highland; 35PT 837465, £650, Warwickshire; 68SB 598886, £20,000, South Yorkshire; 40PL 689283, £15,100, Merseyside; 16TF 771067, £1,505, Suffolk; 20WT 861534, £4,250, County Durham; 43TF 633661, £5,000, Kent; 21LF 726902, £5,728, Southwark; 31VN 869022, £100, West Yorkshire; 37FF 021000, £20,000, Devon; 46RL 278078, £6,257, Cumbria; 21QN 687752, £20,000, Waltham Forest.

The Brasenose Society

Members of the Brasenose Society, which now includes all former members of the College, are informed that on the occasion of the Saturday of Eights Week, May 31, tea will be provided in the College Hall from 3pm-5pm for Members and their families. The annual Society Dinner will be held in the Hall of Brasenose College on Saturday, September 27, 1997, details of which are in the College magazine, *The Brazen Nose*. On the Sunday morning after the Dinner the new extension to Frewin Hall will be formally opened by the Right Rev and Right Hon Lord Runcie.

Any Members who have not received a copy of *The Brazen Nose* should write to the Editor at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Croft House School

Croft House School will hold a Valedictory Ball at the Crown Hotel, Blandford, on Saturday, *June 28, and a reunion on Sunday*, June 29, at the School, Shillingstone, between 10am and 2pm. All Old Girls and former staff are invited. For Ball tickets please tel: 01258 860295. For details of the reunion please contact either Mrs Pat Elliott on Tel: 01963 250353 or Miss Elizabeth Playfair on tel: 01963 440611. Members of the Croft House Society are also invited to the final annual general meeting in the School Library on Saturday, May 10, at 3pm.

Retirement

His Honour Judge David, QC, has retired from the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Service dinners

RN College, Dartmouth
A 50th anniversary dinner for members of the May 1947 (Benbow Division) Special Entry to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth was held last night at the Naval Club. Rear-Admiral David Macey presided. Term Members from Canada, Australia, South Africa and the Republic of Ireland were present.

The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire
Major-General E.H.A. Beckett, Colonel of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, presided at a regimental dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

7th Parachute Regiment RHA
Major-General C.G. Cornock, Honorary Regimental Colonel, was the principal guest at the *annual* dinner of the 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Airborne Gunners held last night in Woolwich. Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Moore, RHA, Commanding Officer, presided.

Royal Artillery Council of Scotland
Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master Gunner, St James's Park, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Artillery Council of Scotland held last night at Ross Priory, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire, after the spring meeting.

616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron RAFVR
Air Vice-Marshal J.E. Johnson was the principal guest at the annual dinner of 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron *RAFVR held last night at* RAF Cottesmore. Wing Commander E. King presided.

Dinner

Castaways Club
Lieutenant J.A. Miller presided at the annual dinner of the Castaways Club held last night at Lincoln's Inn. Among those present were:
Admirals of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst and Sir Henry Leach, Admirals Sir Peter Abbott, Sir Jeremy Black, Sir Michael Boyce, Sir James Eberle, Sir Michael Livesay, Sir Raymond Lygo and Sir David Williams, Vice-Admirals Sir Peter Berger, Sir Stephen Berthon, Sir John Cadell and Sir James Weatherall, and Rear-Admirals Sir Peter Anson, Sir Robert Woodard, C R P C Branson, J S Lang and J F T G Salt.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr C.J. Lye
and Miss S.G.C. Blois**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Lye, of Enstone, Oxfordshire, and Susanna, younger daughter of Mr Rodney Blois, of Yoxford, Suffolk, and Lady Caroline Blois, of London.

**Mr G.A. Cooper
and Miss S.M. Carter**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr Gerald Cooper, of Balcombe, West Sussex, and Mrs Penelope Hunt, of Chelsea, SW3, and *Sheilah* Mary, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Martin Carter, of Co Mayo, Eire.

**Mr D.K.P. de Ferrars
and Miss L.B. Mitchell**
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter de Ferrars, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Mitchell, of Eynsham, Oxfordshire.

**Mr I.L. Erridge
and Miss A.R. Davis**
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Ian, son of the late Mr D.H. Erridge and of Mrs F.E. Erridge, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, and Antoinette, daughter of Mr T.L. Davis, of West Norwood, London, and Mrs B.L. Davis, of Ilford, Essex.

**Mr R.M. Hill
and Miss M.L. Keller**
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Hill, of Inglewhite, Preston, and Marie Laure, daughter of M and Mme René Keller, of Paris.

**Mr C.J. Osborne
and Miss T.J. Stafford**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Dr David Osborne, of Swansea, and Mrs Janet Osborne, of Gower, and Tamsin, daughter of Professor and Mrs Derek Stafford, of Wenvoe.

**Mr G.W. Pumphrey
and *Miss J.E. Symons***
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr John Pumphrey, of Cyprus, and Mrs Stuart McDonald, of Goring-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Symons, of Taunton, Somerset.

**Mr A.A. Robson
and Miss C.G. Runnicles**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Robson, of Upper Basildon, Berkshire, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Runnicles, of Tiddington, Oxfordshire.

**Mr A.C.M. Crouch and
Jonkvrouwe M.A. van den Bosch**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Crouch, of Hadlow, Kent, and Mélanie, eldest daughter of Count Otto van den Bosch, of The Netherlands, presently of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the late Jacqueline van den Bosch.

**Mr P.K. White
and Miss L.A. Dobbin**
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arthur White, of The Hunter Valley, New South Wales, *Australia, and Lucinda, daughter* of Mr and Mrs David Dobbin, of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

**Mr A.M.P. Chick
and Miss A.J. Taylor**
The marriage took place yesterday at Chelsea Old Town Hall, of Mr Andrew Morris Philip Chick, son of Mr Robert Chick, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs Neil Roberts, of Shillingford, Oxford, and Miss Amelia Jane Taylor, elder daughter of Mrs Frank Taylor, of Chelsea, SW10, and the late Dr Frank Taylor, CBE.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr George Taylor, was attended by Miss Sarah Boxhall, Miss Victoria Rose Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Chick, Freddie Wiehe, Alisha, Ben and Ciara Smith. Mr David Politi was best man.

A reception was held at The Hurlingham Club, and the honeymoon will be spent in Argentina.

**Mr C. Edgar
and Miss P. Howard**
The marriage took place in Woodstock, Oxfordshire on Friday, May 2, 1997, of Craig, son of Mr John Edgar and of Mrs Denise Edgar, of South Africa, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr Derek Howard and of the Countess of Strafford.

**Mr M.J. Wolton
and Miss K.A. Stanisich**
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, at St Nicholas's Church, Little Saxham, Suffolk, of Mr Michael John Wolton, son of Mr and Mrs John Wolton, of Little Saxham, to Miss Karen Anne Stanisich, daughter of Dr and Mrs Darryl Stanisich, of Melbourne, Australia. The Rev Christopher Rogers officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Patricia Baylis and Marina Abel Smith. Mr Peter Wolton was best man.

Church services tomorrow

Fifth Sunday after Easter
(Rogation Sunday)

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Litany (Tallis), Harwood in A flat; 6.30 ES, Gloucester Service (Howells), My beloved spake (Purcell), The Provost.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat & F, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); 3.30 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, M Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Oculi omnium (Wood), Thee we adore (Mawby), Rev V Cory; 4 Ch E, Christ is risen (Tomkins).

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M, Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Parry), Canon Hindley; 10.30 Euch, Jackson in G, Hymn to the mother of God (Tavener), Canon Hindley; 4 Choral E, Ave Maria (Rachmaninov), Canon Galilee.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch; 11 M, Te Deum (Sumsion in G), Thou O God art praised in Zion (Hare); 3.30 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), For he shall give his angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Holy is the true light (Harris), Missa brevis (Mathias), Ave verum corpus (Elgar), Canon A Redfern; 3.30 Choral E, The Chichester Service (Walton), The heavens are telling (Haydn), Canon J Simpson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Mass (Stravinsky), O Lord thou hast searched me out (Walker), The Dean; 3.15 E with Litany in Procession, Walmisley in D minor, Litany in five parts (Tallis); 6.30 Compline, Rev Dr M Chandler.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in C & F, Oculi omnium (Wood), Canon D Weston; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), My beloved spake (Hadley); 6.30 Rogation Service.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Canon D Knight; 11.15 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), The Acting Provost; 2.30 Wedding; 6 Choral E, Rose in C minor, *Lift up your heads* (Aston).

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), The Call (Vaughan Williams), The Archdeacon; 11.30 Choral M, Te Deum & Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Te es Petrus (Duruflé), Canon T Dennis; 3.30 Choral E, Aston in F, My beloved spake (Hadley); 6.30 Healing & Laying on of Hands, Canon T Dennis.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in A, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), The Precentor; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rev B Ruddock; 3.30 E, Stanford in B flat, Grace to you and peace (Davies).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M & Sermon, Stanford in C, The Dean; 11.15 S Euch, Mass in Eb (Rheinberger), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon Peirce; 6 E & College Prayer, Lobet den Herrn (Bach).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Stanford in C & F, The secret of Christ (Shephard), Canon V Faul; 5 E, Dyson in D, The secret of Christ (Shephard).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon M Perry; 10 M, Stanford in B flat, Christ ist erstanden (Schubert), Canon D Brown; 11.15 HC, Mass in four parts (Byrd), Lord by whose breath (Howells), The Precentor; 3.30 E, Blair in B minor, When Mary through the garden went.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC, Rev D Green; 10.30 S Euch, Mass in D (Dvorak), O salutaris hostia (Sumsion), The Precentor; 3.45 E, Rubbra in A, Give unto the Lord (Elgar); 6.30 Service of Readings.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Canon A Mawson; 11.15 M, Statham in F, My beloved spake (Hadley), Canon D Ison; 3 E, Murrill in E, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 6.30 Okehampton Deanery Service, O sing unto the Lord (Harris), Preb R Reeve.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.15 Euch, Truro Euch (Briggs), Rev T Watson; 3 E & Blessing of the Cloister Garth, Dyson in D, Wood in E flat No. 2, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon T Chanter; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), O salutaris hostia (Nicholson), Rev Prof D Martin; 11.15 M, Jubilate, Collegium Regale (Howells), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), The Dean; 6.30 E, Second Service (Gibbons), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), Canon T Chanter.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Mozart in C, Teach me O Lord (Attwood), The Archdeacon; 4 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Japanese Anthem, The Provost.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Jubilate (Weelkes), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), The Chancellor; 3.30 E, Purcell in B flat, The heavens declare the glory of God (Boyce).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Agnus Dei, Gloria), Ven A Hawes; 11.15 M, Boyce in C, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Canon R Clark; 3.45 E, Dyson in D, Greater love (Ireland).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Battle of the Atlantic Service, Bishop M Henshall; 3 Choral E, Canon M Boyling; 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M; 9 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, The Archdeacon; 6.30 E, Verleih uns Frieden (Mendelssohn), Allegro Sonata No. 2 (Mendelssohn), The Dean.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 8 Canon I Bennett; 9.30 Canon I Bennett; 6 Psalm.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Family Euch, Christ whose glory (Shephard); 7 Choral E, Noble in B minor, O praise the Lord of heaven (Bach)

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8, 9.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), The Dean; 3.30 E, Stanford in G, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), Canon M Woods; 6.30 Night Prayer.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 9.30 M, Te Deum in F (Dyson); 10.30 Euch, Stanford in B flat, Come my way (Lloyd), The Chancellor; 3.30 E, Stainer in B flat, Thou art the way (Steel)

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Petersfield Mass (Mawby), I am the Bread of Life (Loie), Canon D Issac; 11 S Euch, Te es Petrus (Duruflé), Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon D Isaac; 6.30 E, Hereford Service (Lloyd), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Canon J Hedges.

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Canon M Glanville-Smith; 9.30 Euch, Missa Lauda Sion (Palestrina), The Dean; 11.30 M, Te Deum (Stanford in C), Benedicite (Jackson in G), Die Himmel erzahlen die Ehre Gottes (Schutz); 12.30 Euch, Canon E Eason; 5.30 E, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Stanford in A), Canon M Glanville-Smith; 7.30 Concert.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Te Deum & Jubilate (Stanford in C), Ave verum (Byrd); 10.30 S Euch, Ave verum (Byrd), Rev Dr S Allsopp; 1 Informal Concert; 3.15 E, If ye love me (Tallis), Stanford in G, Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn); 7.30 Concert.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon P Roberts; 10 Euch, Schubert in G, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Canon J Osborne; 11.30 M, Te Deum & Jubilate in C (Britten), Thous visitest *the earth (Greene), Canon P Roberts*; 3 E, Rubbra in A flat, My beloved spake (Purcell).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Canon P Oestricher; 2 Housebound Euch; 6.30 Festal E & Sermon, Canon J Sinclair.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Rev R White; 11 Choral Euch, Misa Aeterna Christi numera (Palestrina), Sing joyfully (Byrd), Rev R White; 3 Choral E, Purcell in G minor, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Rev H Cunliffe; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis Cappella Regalis (Caesar), Let all the world (Leighton).

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert), Schubert in G, The Librarian; 6 E, Chichester Service (Walton), Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Canon M Byrom.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon R Capper; 9.15 Parish Communion, Sing a song of joy (Campion), Canon D Baxter; 11 Solemn Euch, Litany in Procession (Sanders), Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Benedictus (Sumsion in G), Canon G Nairn-Briggs; 6.30 E, Stanford in G, Hierusalem my happy home (Bielby), The Provost.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Darke in E, We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), Rev P de Lucas; 11.30 M, The Short Service (Gibbons), Almighty and everlasting God *(Gibbons); 3 E, Dyson in D, Jubilate Deo* (Dering); 5 Wessex Walls Service.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Oculi omnium (Wood), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Euch Litany (Harvey), Missa brevis (Leighton), God be in my head (Radcliffe), Sis H Markey; 3 E, Purcell in E minor, Die mit Tranen saen, Rev M Mingins; 5.45 Recital; 6.30 Celebration of New Europe, Rt Hon D Bleakley.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Jubilate, Collegium Regale (Howells), In thee is gladness (Stanford), Rev J Simonson; 11.30 Euch, Ave verum corpus (Mozart); 3.30 Wessex Childrens' Hospital; 5.30 E.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL, Hertfordshire: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rutter, The Sub Dean; 11 M, Benedicite (Jackson in G), Jubilate (Shephard in G), The eyes of all wait upon thee (Gibbons), Bishop Samuel; 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, Blair in B minor, Dance my heart (Walker), Canon Bergquist.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, Oculi omnium (Wood), Ven W Pritchard; 3.30 Choral E, Antiphon, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams).

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev R Davey; 10 S Euch & Confirmation, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Gloria (Schubert), Very Rev R Lewis; 11.45 HC; 3.30 Choral E & Admission of Choristers, If ye love me (Tallis), St Paul's Service (Howells), I was glad (Parry).

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 Morning HC, The Minister; 10 Morning HC, Missa brevis (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 Kirking of the Council, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Minister; 6 St Giles at Six, Concert Band; 8 Evening, Rev J Williams.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Ave maris stella (Monteverdi), Rev J Millard; 3.30 Choral E, Jesus Service (Mathias).

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: Rogation: 11 Rev R Frazer; 6 HC, Rev D Molyneaux.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, Jubilate in C (Britten), Lord what is man? (Holloway), Rev M Saward; 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Dum transisset sabbatum (Harvey), Rev P Robinson.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 11 Guest Service, Rev R Tice; 6.30 Rev J Cook.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa quinti toni (Lassus), Jubilate Deo (Mozart), Per signum crucis (Guerrero).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Childrens; 11 Parish Communion, Rev Dr P Elvy; 6 E, Rev D Bean.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Curzon St, W1: 11 Sunday School.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev S Hood; 12.20 HC; 6.30 Rev J McMahon.

FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Rev R Thorpe; 11 Morning, Mr J Jennings; 5, 7.30 Informal, Rev S Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, *10, 11 Mass, Mass in C (Mozart), Regina Caeli* (Howells); 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, O Sacrum convivium (Lassus).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Morning Service & HC, Rev Dr L Griffiths.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Morning Worship, Rev Dr P Graves; 6.30 HC, Rev B Lucas.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral Euch, Rev P Schmiege; 2 Swahili HC, Rev J Shabaya; 7 Church Concert.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Pater Noster ad imitationem (Handl), Rev D Burgess; 6.30 E, First Service (Morley), Maria Magdalene (Guerrero), Mr H Potts.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Tomkins), Missa Bel' Amfitrit (Lassus), Set me as a seal (Walton), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Second Service (Gibbons), My shepherd is the living Lord (Tomkins), Canon J Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Here is the little door (Howells), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Baptisms, Rev N Robb; 6.30 Rev A Cairns.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Missa vidi speciosam (Victoria), Ave Maria a 8 (Victoria), Ave verum (Mozart).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa quinti toni (Casciolini), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Pascalis (Lassus), Resurrexi (Byrd), Rev B Wilson; 6 Choral E, Short Service (Blow), Alleluia (Thomson).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family Communion, Voluntary on Old 100th (Purcell), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP & Praise, Rev M Okello.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 S Euch, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Rev L Matabula; 12.15 HC; 6.30 Choral E, My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev C Kevill-Davies.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Cantate Dominum (Pitoni), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Rev R Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Confirmation, Bishop of London; 11.30 Visitors, Rev M Johnson; 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Choral M, Mr N Pain; 6.30 E, Rev M Fuller.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Casciolini), Fr B Scott; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), With a voice of singing (Shaw), Rev D Jones; 6 Choral E.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: Choral Euch, Patrick in A minor, Rise up my love (Willan), Ven G Reid.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen (Brahms), Fr A Childwick.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Canon K Pound.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Awake thou wintry earth (Bach), March (Handel), Rev R Leonard.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, The Chaplain.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Te Deum Laudamus (Alcock in B flat), Jubilate Deo (Ireland in C), My beloved spake (Hadley), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Verily I say to you (Tallis); 11 Choral HC, Stanford in Bb, Christus Vincit (MacMillan), Rev P Bosher, Band of the Scots Guards.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Stanford in C, Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Rev C French.

Anniversaries

TODAY: BIRTHS: Cardinal Pedro Gonzalez de Mendoza, prelate and statesman, Spain, 1428; Niccolo Machiavelli, diplomat and writer, Florence, 1469; Richard D'Oyly Carte, impresario, founder of the Savoy Theatre, London, and the Royal Opera House (now the Palace Theatre), London, 1844; François Coty, perfume manufacturer, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1874; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Kiev, 1898; Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer, Detroit, 1921.

DEATHS: Thomas Hood, poet, London, 1845; Barry Sullivan, actor, Brighton, 1891.

Columbus discovered Jamaica, 1494.

The *Star and Evening Advertiser*, the first daily evening newspaper, was published, London, 1788.

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth opened the Festival of Britain on London's South Bank, 1951.

The first heart transplant operation was carried out in Britain, 1968.

TOMORROW: BIRTHS: Bartolommeo Cristofari, pioneer of piano making, Padua, 1655; Sir Thomas Henry Huxley, biologist, London, 1825; John Speke, explorer, Ilminster, 1827; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plastic surgeon, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1900.

DEATHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, murdered, Tewkesbury, 1471; William Froude, naval architect, Simonstown, Cape Colony, 1879; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, Florence, 1969; Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia 1953-80, 1980; Diana Dors, actress, Windsor, 1984.

Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman Prime Minister, 1979.

The Middlesex Regiment (DCO)

The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) will hold its Annual Remembrance Service in the Regimental Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday, May 10, 1997, to remember all Die Hards who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Luncheon

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall.

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But first note this: no prophetic writing is a matter for private interpretation. It was not on any human initiative that prophecy came; rather, it was under the compulsion of the Holy Spirit that people spoke as messengers of God. 2 Peter 1 : 20,21

BIRTHS

BATT - On April 27th 1997, to Rosabelle (née Brand) and Robert, a daughter, Laura Edwina.

BIDWELL - On April 29th, to James and Rebecca (née Nathiesen), a daughter, *Lili* Sarah.

CUSSANS - On April 10th at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Lucy (née Ostlere) and William, a daughter, Florence Eloise Sinclair de Cusance, a sister *for* Amelia and Frederick.

GRAHAM - On 20th April, to Lucia (née Whittle-Martin) and Thomas, a son, Rory, a brother for Harry.

HARDY - On April 28th, to Andy and Gill, a handsome son, Oscar James. Grateful thanks to staff at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, especially to Jane, Fiona and Alpa.

KINSLEY - On 22nd April 1997 at Verona, to Alison and Charles, a daughter, Rebecca Claire.

LECKIE - On April 30th, to Bruce and Caroline (née Thwaite), a daughter, Amy Jane, a sister for Toby and Dominic.

NASH - On 1st May to Coralia Marlene and Stephen, at King's College Hospital, a son, Joseph Thomas Elwin.

SEYMOUR - On April 23rd, to Henrietta and Charles, a son.

SMALLWOOD - On April 28th 1997, to Kathrin (née Bell) and Matthew, a son, Alistair Jeremy Cranston, a brother for Jasper.

TRACHUK - On April 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Clare and Mark, a son, James Anton.

WHEATLEY - On 30th April 1997 in Geneva, to Charlie (née Holt) and Stephen, a daughter, Georgina Daisy, a sister for Sebastian and Olivia.

BIRTHS

WOOLMAN - On April 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Whitehouse) and John, a daughter, Catriona Emma Teresa.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

JONES:BOWN - Maurice to Isobel at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday May 3rd 1947. Now at Longstock, Stockbridge SO20 6DP.

DEATHS

AITKEN - On April 30th 1997 George Craig aged 70 years, died peacefully at Coldstream. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday 9th May at 3 pm. Any enquiries to J & A Gray, tel: (01890) 882260.

ALLAN - Peacefully at St Margaret's Nursing Home, Elie, on Wednesday April 30th 1997, Johan Gowans Meldrum Allan MBE aged 86 years of St Monans. Dearly loved daughter of the late John and Isabella Allan and a dear sister and aunt. Formerly Matron King George V Memorial Hospital, *Malta and President Nurses* Christian Fellowship International. Funeral Service in the Gospel Hall, Hope Place, St Monans, on Tuesday 6th May at 1 pm, thereafter to St Monans Cemetery at 1.30 pm. All friends are respectfully invited.

BATTERSBY - On Thursday 1st May 1997, peacefully at home, Eric Worsley Battersby O.B.E., deeply loved husband of Prue, beloved father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, Hants., Friday 9th May at 3.30 pm. Donations, if desired to League of Friends Chemotherapy Unit, R.H.C.H. c/o Thomas Pink & Son, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1AN.

DEATHS

BIRDWOOD - Vere Lady Birdwood C.V.O., 1st May peacefully after a short illness. Dearly loved mother of Sonia and Mark, grand and great-grandmother. Cremation Putney Vale Crematorium 4 pm 8th May. No flowers by request. Donations if wished to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street.

BROWN - Cdr. Anthony Farquharson, RN (ret'd), suddenly on April 29th 1997, aged 72. Beloved husband of the late Sheila and a much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation at his request.

EVANS - Leslie John died peacefully 27th April 1997. RNAS pilot 1917-18, rubber plantation manager in Malaya in 1920s and 1946-57 Squadron Leader RAF 1939-45. Dearly loved husband of Doreen, father of Peter, grandfather of Stephen and Anna, great-grandfather of Rory.

FERGUSON - Joan (Jill) Dorothea aged 91 suddenly and peacefully on 30th April 1997. Devoted wife of Austin Bruce Ferguson and much loved mother of Simon Pendock and stepmother of Penny, Andrew and Adrienne. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Monday 12th May 1997 at Mortlake Crematorium. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon on (0171) 834-4624.

FREAKES - Harold Leslie OBE, aged 83 formerly of Enfield, Middlesex and husband of the late Winifred, died in Wells and District Hospital, Somerset, on May 1st. Funeral in Wells Cathedral at 3 pm on Friday May 9th followed by interment in Ashcott Churchyard. Donations in lieu of flowers to either Wells and District Hospital or Wells Cathedral may be sent to R.A. Baker & Sons, Funeral Directors, Meare, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9TJ.

FULLER - Stephen Graham. On 1st May at The Royal Marsden Hospital aged just 51. In peace after an illness he bore with great dignity. A loving son, beloved brother of Michael and Andrew. Deeply missed by Wendy and his many *friends*. Service and cremation Thursday May 8th 12.45 pm Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15. Donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital.

GARLICK - *On 30th April 1997*, suddenly but peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Patricia Mary. Aged 77 years. A much loved mother of Jane, Simon and the late Georgina. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church, North Cadbury on Friday 9th May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The National Trust. c/o Mr Harold F. Miles, Funeral Director, South Cadbury, BA22 7ES. Telephone: 01963 440367.

GRINDLE - On May 1st, peacefully at Lordington Park, Joyce Lilian Alton Grindle (née Batchelor) formerly of Portchester, wife of the late Captain J.A. Grindle, CBE, Royal Navy. A much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service in St Mary's Church, Portchester, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 8th May. No flowers but donations if desired in her memory to NSPCC c/o Taylor & Wallis, 112A Castle Street, Portchester.

HESS - Maud Emma Livingston aged 95 years peacefully at Avon House Nursing Home, Kensington. Much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, 2.30 pm Tuesday 6th May. Family flowers only, please. Donations, *if* desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

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MERRIMAN - Alison Grace aged 83 years of Colwall, Worcs., suddenly on April 29th. The beloved mother of Simon, Charlotte and Nicola and grandmother of Holly and Alice. Thanksgiving Service at St James' Church, Colwall, on Friday May 9th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations for R.N.L.I. may be sent to Malcolm J. Presland, Funeral Directors, 19 High Street, Upton upon Severn, Worcs.

MONKHOUSE - Richard Ambrose of Arundel, formerly of *Reading*, son of Joan Harding and the late Paddy Monkhouse, brother of Charles, Penelope and Harriet. Suddenly, while enjoying a round of golf, on April 28th aged 63. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe (01903) *732986*.

ROBINSON - On May 1st peacefully at home in Cheam, John Michael aged 77 beloved husband *of* Doreen and a dear uncle. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Belmont on Thursday May 8th at 2.45pm. Family flowers only donations if desired to Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society c/o W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd., 31 High Street, Cheam, SM3 8RE.

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SCHÖNZELER - Hans-Hubert peacefully at home on 30th April aged 71. Funeral on Tuesday 6th May at Mortlake Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to the Musicians Benevolent Fund c/o Chelsea F.D., 260B Fulham Road, London SW10 9EL.

SHELDON - Elizabeth Mary - On 2nd May 1997. Wonderful wife of Tony, daughter of Maureen and Harry Ferguson, devoted mother of Sally, Caroline and Jamie and much loved grandmother to Charles, Sophie, Richard, Juliet and Henry. Quickly and peacefully at Sister Agnes Hospital. Private cremation. Memorial service at 12.05pm on Friday 16th May at All Saints Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight. *Flowers to All Saints Church* or donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

STANTON - Kathleen Mary J.P. *formerly Headmistress of* Newarke Girls School, Leicester, passed away peacefully in Leicester on 19 April aged 94. Funeral at St. Denys Parish Church, Evington (3m. east of Leicester) on Tuesday 6th May at 2pm. She is survived by her nephew, Dr. Martin Stanton. No flowers, but please send any donations, payable to the "Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus Charitable Trust", to funeral directors, Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd, 51 Vaughan Way, Leicester.

TENCH - Peacefully in her sleep at home on Thursday 1st May - Greta aged 88 years, beloved wife of Wingrave and adored mother of Sue. Much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at Buckfast Abbey 10.30 am on Wednesday 7th May. Flowers, or donations, in support of South Brent Health Centre c/o Perring Funeral Services, 101A High Street, Totnes, Devon, tel: (01803) 862417.

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OBITUARIES

ROLAND TOPOR

Roland Topor, French writer and artist, died of a stroke in Paris on April 16 aged 59. He was born on January 7, 1938.

Illustrator, painter, playwright, designer, film-maker and director, Roland Topor belonged to a French tradition that can be traced from Alfred Jarry to Dada and Surrealism, and to Prévert and the absurd theatre. Ronald Searle described him as a "one-man band, a fireworks show of ideas, exploding in all directions . . . amusing and frightening."

In an interview given in 1986, during a retrospective of some 600 works at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, Topor summed up his key theme in a typical pun as "quelqu'un qui rentre dans un autre". This lapidary expression covers everything from physical violence and sexual relations to a literal interlocking or merging of bodies. All are recurrent in his work, in which limbs take on an independent existence; people come apart or push out faecal, humanoid forms; eyes grow into noses, and heads sprout sexual members or are pushed into various shapes by fingers or hammers.

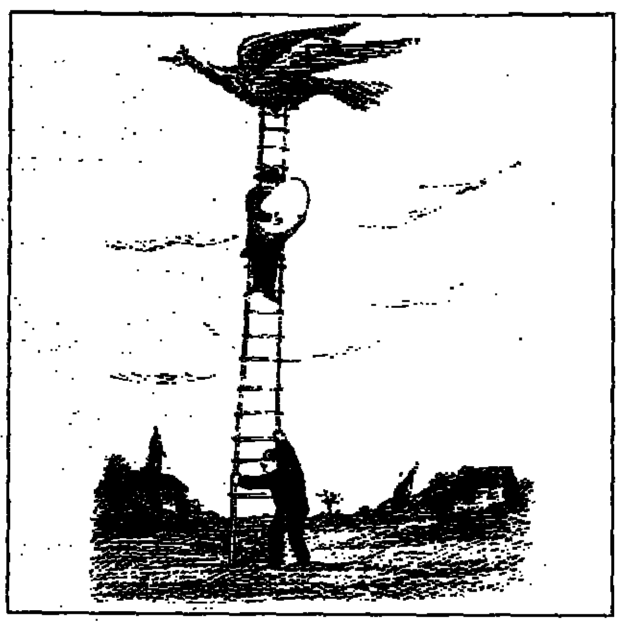
Topor's work is nothing if not scatological and sexual, but it is never just that. "It is not a bad thing," he once said, "for an artist's desire to please to be mixed with a certain inclination for displeasing." As for the scatological aspect, he admitted "it's not a special taste of mine. But it annoys me that we can't manage to sublimate it all."

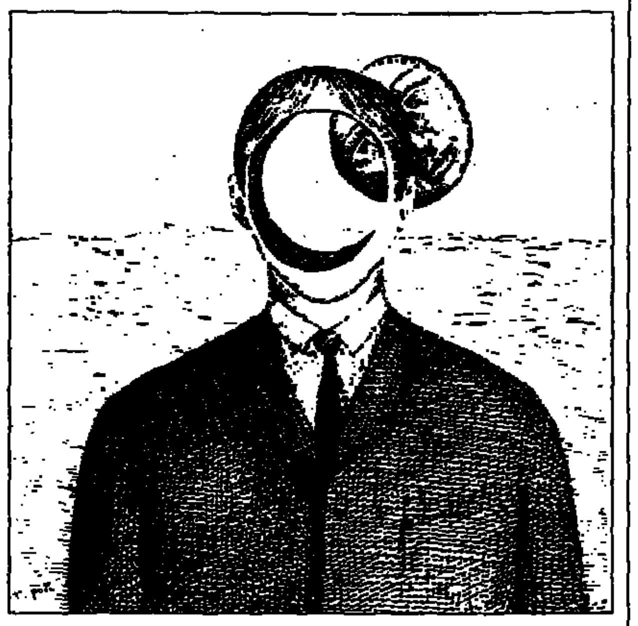
Among Topor's best known graphic works were his posters for Amnesty International and for the film *The Tin Drum*. The former shows the top half of a head thrown back like the lid of an opened can, while a hammer knocks the jaw down into the neck. The latter has a manic-eyed drum with arms and legs running and beating itself amid the hillocks of a woman's body.

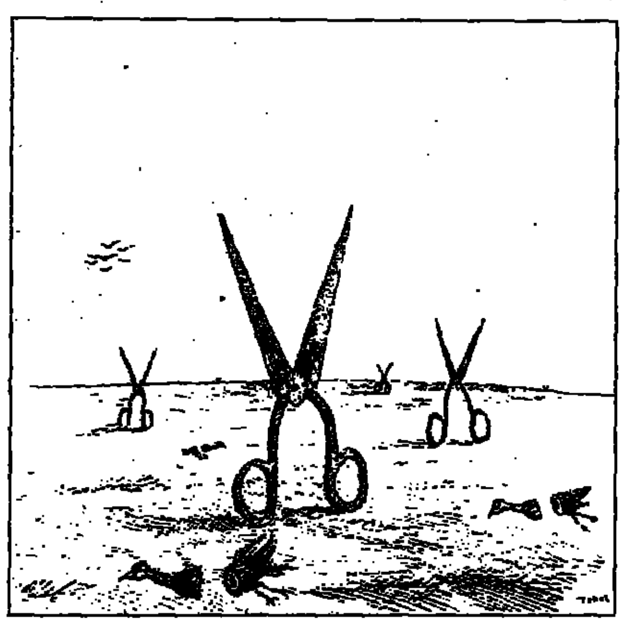
Topor was born in Paris. His father Abram, a Polish Jew, had left Warsaw after studying sculpture at art school and now made his living as a leather craftsman. When the war came, the family fled to the French Alps but continued to live in fear of being betrayed to the authorities. As Topor later wrote: "The Germans are out to get me. Lots of Frenchmen are Germans who speak French." The dread and uncertainty he experienced in those childhood years from 1940 to 1944 was never to leave him. A great drinker and carouser, he often used to say that he used alcohol as a solvent for anxiety.

Considered a mediocre student at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, Topor made his professional debut in the magazine *Bizarre* in 1958. After a five-year spell working with the famous satirical magazine, *Hara-Kiri*, he produced illustrations for more mainstream publications such as *L'Express*, *Le Nouvel Observateur*, *File* and *Le Canard Enchaîné*. He also helped to run two ephemeral student magazines during the *événements* of May 1968.

In 1962, with the playwright Fernando Arrabal and several other friends, he set up the expressively named group Panique to promote "confusion, chance, memory and sex, and reject order and perfection." Among the friends he made at this time were the artists Jean Tinguely and Daniel Spoerri and the theatre director Jérôme Savary, now director of the French national theatre company at the Palais de Chaillot: his famous Grand Magic Circus troupe was originally to be named the Grand Panic Circus. The two men worked together more recently when Topor designed the costumes for Savary's production of *Ubu Roi* in 1992.





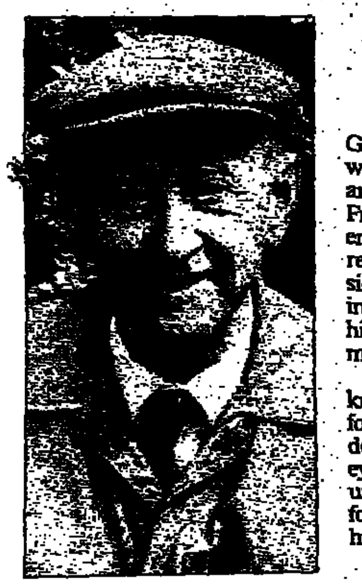


Topor's books were of all kinds. They ranged from an *Alice au pays des lettres* (Alice in Letterland), a children's book dedicated to Lewis Carroll, through a joke book with one word per page, to novels, of which one, *Le Locataire chimérique* (1964), was later to become Polanski's film *The Tenant*. His masterpiece is thought to be *Mémoires d'un vieux con*, a collection of reflections and anecdotes purportedly by a painter born in Luxembourg in the 19th century.

Ventures into film included a feature-length animated cartoon, *La Planète sauvage*, which won a prize at Cannes in 1973, and *Marquis*, a tale inspired by the adventures of de Sade during the French Revolution and made using curious half-animal, half-fantastic animated figures to portray the heroes of the age.

Although his work was widely known, be it in the above forms or through his witty children's TV show, *Téléchat*, Topor himself was never a household name in France, perhaps because he was too mobile, too spendthrift of his talent. As a man, he was renowned for his generosity, his readiness to crack open a bottle of champagne at the slightest occasion, or, when friends fell on hard times, for buying back drawings he had given them, at high prices. A bon vivant, he once asked to be paid for a film role in fine cigars. His own death, after several days in a coma following a brain haemorrhage, only half confirms one of the aphorisms in his most recent book, *Jachère Party*: "All's true that ends badly, and quickly."

TOM FRY



Tom Fry, field geologist, died on April 2 aged 95. He was born on January 5, 1902.

GEOLOGY is still a field in which it is possible for the amateur to make a mark. Tom Fry's story is one in which an energetic amateur gained the respect of the academic professionals and himself moved into their ranks, leaving behind him collections of enormous scientific importance.

Fry built up an unrivalled knowledge of the rocks and fossils of the Bristol area. A dedicated collector with a keen eye, he seemed to have an uncanny knack for finding fossils in places where others had despaired.

Born in Bristol to a poor working-class family, Thomas Robert Fry grew up and lived all his life at St George on the eastern side of the city. It was an area where coalmining, quarrying, lead smelting and manufacturing industries still mingled with farmland and the wooded valley of the River Avon, and Fry spent much of his free time out of doors.

He could not wait to leave school and attempted to do so at the age of 13. A year later he began working at Fry's chocolate factory, followed by the Bristol Carriage and Wagon works and many other short-term jobs, interspersed with periods of unemployment in the hard days of the 1920s.

His interests grew focused, however, through reading an article on geology in *Cassell's Family Magazine* in 1918. The revelation that the remains of living creatures from a remote past could be found in the rocks around him provided the seed for his lifetime passion. He set off with great enthusiasm and recorded that between February 1919 and May 1923 he made 742 fossil-collecting excursions, mostly travelling by bicycle or on foot. Although most of his visits were in his neighbourhood, trips further afield would find him camping out in fields, quarries and under hayricks.

His field work was carried out at a time when there were still many active quarries, brickyards and collieries. Today there are fewer, much larger operations and every hole in the ground that cannot be protected becomes a landfill tip. The specimens he found, with the wealth of meticulously detailed information that accompanies them, are an invaluable and unsurpassed record of the geology of large areas where the rocks are no longer accessible.

Especially important are the specimens collected from places where rocks were only briefly exposed to view. During the Second World War Fry took advantage of exposures of rock in bomb craters — an occupation that got him arrested by the Home Guard on one occasion. His duties as a firewatcher at the Netham chemical works allowed him to get bearings on explosions that seemed promising. He would cycle as far afield as Radstock in Somerset to view the craters.

During the building of a housing estate in St Anne's, Bristol, in 1926, he discovered flint implements in the gravel, and another building project at Keynsham in 1945 provided him with about 60 large ammonites which had to be taken home individually on his bicycle after he had finished his day's work at the chemical plant in Bristol.

His long association with professional geologists began in 1919 when he joined the Bristol Naturalists' Society. Soon he was leading excursions into the field, culminating in leading the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1955.

Professor S. H. Reynolds arranged for him to have lessons at the University of Bristol on Saturday mornings, but Fry could not bear to be indoors when the sun was inviting him to collect carboniferous corals in the Avon Gorge or Jurassic ammonites on Dundry Hill. The pressure on him after getting married and a period of unemployment meant that the university benefited by acquiring his first collection in 1934.

In 1947 he was invited by Professor W. F. Whittard to bring some order to the university geology department's collections. It was the first time that he was to be paid for doing what he loved. Whittard also employed him from time to time between 1948 and 1962 to collect material for his Palaeontographical Society monograph on the Ordovician trilobites of west Shropshire. This fieldwork resulted in his twice having a new species of trilobite named after him.

Fry's retirement from the university in 1968 was marked by the award of an honorary degree. However, he did not fully retire but moved to the Bristol City Museum & Art Gallery, where he worked part-time, curating the collections and adding to them. Even at the age of 70 he was in the field, taking advantage of the developing system of gas pipelines and the construction of motorways. Bristol Museum acquired specimens from Fry over a period of 57 years. In 1969 and 1970 the Museum purchased well over 3,000 specimens from him and, at his second retirement in 1980, he donated a further 2,500.

Fry's wife, Gladys, predeceased him in 1994 and he is survived by a daughter and two sons.

JACK FISHMAN

Jack Fishman, journalist, author and songwriter, died on April 10 aged 76. He was born on June 14, 1920.

AS A political and investigative journalist Jack Fishman played a significant role in the identification of Kim Philby as a Soviet spy. He was also a bestselling biographer and contemporary historian whose subjects included Stalin and Lady Churchill, and a prolific and successful songwriter who provided hits for some of the most popular performers of the day.

Jack Fishman was born in London, one of six children of an East End tailor. His family had its roots in Central Europe, and he would recount how, as a Jewish child visiting relations in Berlin, he had been patted on the head by an unsuspecting Hitler, a gesture he liked to blame for his baldness in later life.

His father died when Jack was eight, leaving the family even poorer than it had been before, and at the age of 13, perhaps after being expelled from school, the boy found a job on a local paper. It was the beginning of a newspaper career that took him from teaboy to senior editorial executive and internationally syndicated reporter.

Working for the Kemsley and then Thomson organisations, he specialised in political reporting and rose to become news editor, deputy editor and editor of the now defunct *Empire News*. At the same time, he was producing books, starting with *The Seven Men of Spandau* (1954), a study of the high-ranking Nazis — among them Rudolf Hess, Albert Speer and Admiral Dönitz — who were imprisoned in Berlin's Spandau prison after the Nuremberg trials.

In the course of researching that book he stayed with the prisoners' wives and took secret pictures inside the prison. His revelations led to questions in the House of Commons, and Fishman was threatened with imprisonment under the Official Secrets Act. The book sold well and was translated into several languages.

Fishman found himself involved once more with secret matters in 1955, when he threatened to reveal the identity of the Soviet agent within the Foreign Office who had tipped off Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean and helped them to defect to Moscow. His conviction that the traitor was Harold "Kim" Philby was based in part on information from behind the Iron Curtain; there were those, however, who thought that Fishman could not have pursued his investigations without the involvement of the British and American intelligence services, though he always denied that this was so.

Unable to name Philby in Britain because of the libel laws, Fishman managed to have him identified in an article in the New York *Sunday News*, after which Colonel Marcus Lipton, Labour MP for Brixton, raised the matter in the Commons, asking the Prime Minister whether he had "made up his mind to cover up at all costs the dubious third-man activities of Mr Harold Philby". Philby survived, being defended at the time by the Foreign Secretary, Harold Macmillan, but he vindicated his accusers by himself defecting in 1963.

That was the year in which Fishman published what was to be his most popular book, *My Darling Clementine*, a biography of Lady Churchill. Advance orders had made it an international bestseller even before it was published on its subject's 78th birthday. Serialised in the *Sunday Express* and in *Life* magazine, selected by *Reader's Digest* as its Book of the Month, it was reprinted several times and remained near the top of the bestseller lists for a year.

A decade later Fishman compiled a collection of largely unpublished material by Winston Churchill under the title *If I Lived My Life Again*; he described it as "a posthumous comment on today's affairs". Among his other books were a biography of Stalin, a novel called *KG200* and a second volume about Spandau Prison. He also became involved in publishing, acquiring the literary rights to the popular television series *The Man from UNCLE*, and to the Daleks from *Doctor Who*, and producing lucrative spin-off books.

Throughout this time, Fishman pursued a highly successful career as a writer of popular songs. It had begun in 1941, when he was recovering from tuberculosis and tried putting lyrics to tunes heard on the radio as a way of cheering himself up. He sent some of them off to the publishers of Denmark Street, London's Tin Pan Alley, using various pseudonyms at first.

The response was enthusiastic, and his songs found favour with such artistes as Petula Clark, Shirley Bassey, Cilla Black, Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, Anne Shelton and Vera Lynn. He received the first Ivor Novello award for his song *Everywhere* in 1955, and recordings of his songs sold in their millions around the world.

Fishman also wrote theme songs for some 30 films, among them *Best Years of Our Lives*, *Get Carter* and *Soldier Blue*, and as music supervisor for Cannon/MGM feature films he was involved in at least a hundred more. Cinema was a lifelong enthusiasm with him, and he had attended the Cannes Film Festival every year since its inception in 1947; his achievements were due to be honoured at the fiftieth festival, which opens next week.

Jack Fishman is survived by his wife Lillian, whom he married in 1944, and by his two sons, with one of whom, Paul, a musician and songwriter, he was collaborating on a Hollywood musical at the time of his death.

ON THIS DAY

May 3, 1967

Mr Wilson under-estimated the intransigence of General de Gaulle, who in November imposed his veto on the application, repeating that of 1963. It was not until January 1973 that Britain became a member of the European Community.

UK TAKES THE PLUNGE INTO EUROPE

By David Wood, Political Correspondent

Britain will apply to join the Common Market next week, and parallel applications will be made for membership of the European Coal and Steel Community and Euratom. The Prime Minister, who at the end of the conclusive Cabinet meeting yesterday was convinced that he faces no risk of a ministerial resignation, means to do all he can to prevent protracted negotiation. He would regard a wait of two years for the decision of the Six as much too long.

The crucial issues isolated for negotiation were defined to the Commons as follows:-

The operation of the common agricultural policy, and its potential effects on the cost of living and the structure and wellbeing of British agriculture.

The impact on Britain's budget and balance of payments of the Common Market system of financing the common agricultural policy.

Particular Commonwealth problems involving Britain's trade agreements with New Zealand and sugar-producing countries.

Capital movements from the Common Market to the rest of the world.

Britain's freedom inside the Market to continue policies for regional development and regeneration.

Mr. Wilson told the House he saw nothing in the Treaty of Rome or in the practical working of Common Market institutions that made these difficulties insoluble. He said: "Her Majesty's Government will do all in their power to secure a satisfactory solution at the earliest possible date. If we do not succeed, I think the House will be able to judge at the end of the day that it is not our fault".

Mr. Wilson's statement is to be published as a White Paper later this week and the Commons will next week spend three days debating a motion to approve it before Parliament rises on Friday week for a Whitsun recess of 18 days.

Labour backbenchers who demonstrated their opposition to the Common Market application in the House yesterday are to be placed on a three-line whip, as is customary for a decision of high Government policy, but there are hints that abstentions by 30 or 40 backbenchers would not disturb Mr. Wilson.

There is a difference between the application that the Government are now making and that made by the Conservative Government in 1961. Strictly, Mr. Macmillan's Administration, in the terms of a motion approved by the Commons on August 3, 1961, went into a negotiation to see whether suitable terms for entry existed.

The Labour Government's application, also under Article 237 of the Treaty of Rome, will be without qualifications. It will be a short, simple letter of application for membership addressed to the chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Six in Brussels, and from that point on the pace of developments will depend not on London but on the Six. Mr. Wilson and the Cabinet expect a clear reaction from the leaders of the Common Market when they hold a summit meeting in Rome on May 29 to review their first 10 years.

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Tragically Hip
Mutton Birds
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IT WAS fitting that a concert by rock bands from Canada and New Zealand should take place at the Empire, which on Thursday night hosted scenes of expatriate passion to match the political fervour raging outside.

Auckland's Mutton Birds, working themselves hoarse on a seemingly open-ended tour of Britain, were back as guests at a venue they headlined some weeks before, and put their account further into credit *in the first half of an evening of* articulate rock'n'roll.

Of the material from their upcoming album, *Envy of Angels*, the warmest hand went to the engaging recent single *Come Around*. By then, Don McGlashan's band had restated their ability to merge fine melodies, absorbing lyrics and well-read influences from the Beatles to the Byrds. Particularly effective was *A Thing Well Made*, with its storyline — about a man who sells sporting goods — and vague air of oddness, heightened by McGlashan's euphonium.

Six albums into a hugely successful domestic career and 11 years after forming in Kingston, Ontario, the Tragically Hip remain underachievers in these parts. But you would not have known that from the rabid, note-perfect enthusiasm of this crowd, as leader Gordon Downie announced they were here to "celebrate your victories and cancel your defeats".

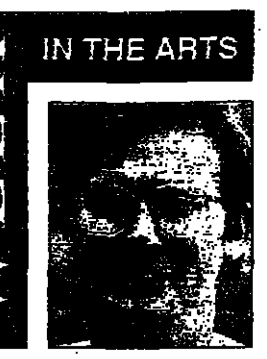
The lack of wider media awareness of their potent guitar attack and literate touch means that *audiences simply cannot hear* what they are missing. But among friends who cheered their every move, they combined the unalloyed energy of an R.E.M. with a cerebral lyrical approach, four-fifths of the band focusing purely on their instruments while Downie presented a magnetic combination of the urbane and the unhinged. *Giftshop* and *700ft Ceiling*, the latter "a song about unlimited potential", were among the most effective of the new batch.

This indomitable performance confirmed the Tragically Hip's continuing readiness for the big league. A decade down the line that status may be denied them, but it will not be for lack of idiosyncratic charm. Downie only has to announce an unlikely love song about a dentist in the British Navy stationed in the Falkland Islands and you simply have to listen.

PAUL SEXTON

Let's praise Caesar as they bury him

WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

What a tragic spectacle it has been. A leader brought low, staring into the abyss, battling against the odds to hold on to the reins of power. A hostile press piling on invective with every edition. Mistakes from years back being muck-raked by gleeful enemies. His closest lieutenants secretly plotting to oust him. And now even ordinary folk — his own people! — turning against him.

Yes, it has been a rotten week for Julian Spalding, the flamboyant but woefully beleaguered director of Glasgow's galleries and museums. For, while most of the nation was distracted by a minor tussle elsewhere, the art world has been watching — enthralled, horrified — a war unfolding in Glasgow.

Britain has a proud tradition of wild, wilful and waspish museum directors. Think of Elizabeth Esteve-Coll's years of merry hell at the V&A; or her predecessor Sir Roy Strong's autocratic antics (being deliciously relived at the moment in his newly published diaries). Think of Tim Clifford, Spalding's counterpart in Edinburgh, and the ass he made of himself over The Affair of Getty and the Graces.

But not even the most wrinkled gallery-watcher can recall a museum chief being in so much hot water, steaming in from so many different directions, as Spalding is now. And the fact that Spalding probably has more absolute power than any other individual in the British art world only adds to the excitement. This is the man in complete command of Glasgow's 1.5 million artworks, spread over some of Scotland's most famous galleries; *a man with a* £300,000 annual purchasing budget.

Let's catalogue his problems. First, Glasgow City Council is investigating a dossier, compiled secretly by some of his own managers, that lists the director's alleged shortcomings. It makes lively reading. It points out, for example, that Spalding has accepted gifts from artists whose works he has bought for Glasgow's museums. In particular, Spalding received a wedding present of a painting from John Bellany — 22 of whose paintings have been purchased for Glasgow during Spalding's time in charge.

Spalding doesn't deny the gifts, and would certainly not be the first gallery boss to own art privately. Indeed, some see this as an admirable sign that a chap really is committed to the kind of art he inflicts on the public. But the Museums Association guidelines suggest that "professionals must neither solicit nor accept a gift of significant value from an artist with whom the professional has come into contact through any kind of collaboration involving the institution".

Spalding is also under fire for making redundant most of his 50 curators. His critics even snipe at him for spending public money on trips to Barcelona and New York to woo Hockney. He has been lambasted in the Scottish press for a £9.5 million lottery bid to turn the Kelvingrove Gallery into what the sniffy Glasgow critics call a "Disney World of art".

His pet project, the Gallery of Modern Art which opened a year ago, has also been *ridiculed* by many journalists for its resolutely middle-brow stance: one critic called it "the worst modern art gallery in the world", which is an accolade that takes some earning. And he has been roundly condemned for seeking to lend items from Glasgow's Burrell Collection to galleries overseas, in contravention of Sir William Burrell's will. A Parliamentary Commission, no less, will soon debate that matter.

On top of all this, Glasgow's city auditors are investigating an alleged £60,000 ticket fraud at a Charles Rennie Mackintosh exhibition. Spalding's department is not under suspicion, but the matter only adds to the air of crisis in Glasgow's museums.

How did Spalding make himself so many enemies? Being English doesn't help. But Scottish anglophobia is not at the root of this. The fact is that Spalding — an old-fashioned romantic socialist and a highly articulate critic of all that's elitist and clique-ridden in the art world — has run into trouble partly because he has tackled head-on the problems that affect every gallery in the land.

For instance, his determination that Glasgow's modern art museum should not be yet another quasi-Tate Gallery shrine to *avant-garde* conceptual art of the pickled sheep variety, and his plan for interactive technology at Kelvingrove, both spring from an admirable desire to make galleries as accessible as possible. He thinks art should be fun, not stuffy. His shedding of curators was ruthless — but this is what happens when a city that once professed a huge arts commitment suddenly has to make an £80 million budget cut.

Spalding even has a reasonable excuse for sending bits of the Burrell Collection on foreign tours: Glasgow won't be able to host big touring shows unless it lends its treasures in return. And he is arguably *doing the art world* a service by focusing attention on the larger question: how much should great museums, and even governments, be bound by the wishes of dead benefactors?

All of which may not be enough to save Spalding. The knives are out; no doubt about that. But in a week when so many *mediocrities* have been shunted out of public life it would be a pity if a man of flair were to be lost. If I were Spalding, though, I would consider collecting football stickers rather than paintings in future.

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Christine Vouilloz (left) and Emmanuelle Béart in Luc Bondy's French-language production of *Playing with Fire*

Béart's mission incroyable

Playing with Fire
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Luc Bondy, the cult Swiss director, usually dispenses his wares in woefully small doses in Britain. There have been a fistful of sightings at the Edinburgh Festival (Peter Handke's *The Hour We Knew Nothing of Each Other*) or at Covent Garden (Richard Strauss's *Salome*), but these hit-and-run missions — beautifully staged, conceptual pieces of theatre and opera — have never been around long enough to seep into the nervous system.

The same is true of this radical French-language production of Strindberg's *Playing with Fire* at the Playhouse. Bondy never travels lightly. His heroine is none other than Emmanuelle Béart, star of *Manon des Sources*, *La Belle Noiseuse* and *Mission Impossible*. But by choosing election night to open (a criminal offence, surely) and offering only three performance dates, he seems determined to tease rather than sate his swelling British following.

On a bare white verandah, framed by an expanse of blue sky, an artist, Knut (Laurent Grevill), his wife Kerstin (Béart) and a visiting friend, Axel (Thierry Fortineau) engaged in a subtly fought contest for Kerstin's love. Instead of Strindberg's angst-ridden chamber piece, Bondy's sensuous reworking is an unashamed slice of French cinema. He has cut strips out of Strindberg's script and trashed his copious stage notes. Everything is fiercely understated, fiercely naturalistic. In fact, the cast at times are barely audible. Doing your prep is a crucial advantage. Having to juggle your eyeballs between the awkwardly positioned flashing surtitles and the small subtleties on stage plays havoc with the concentration.

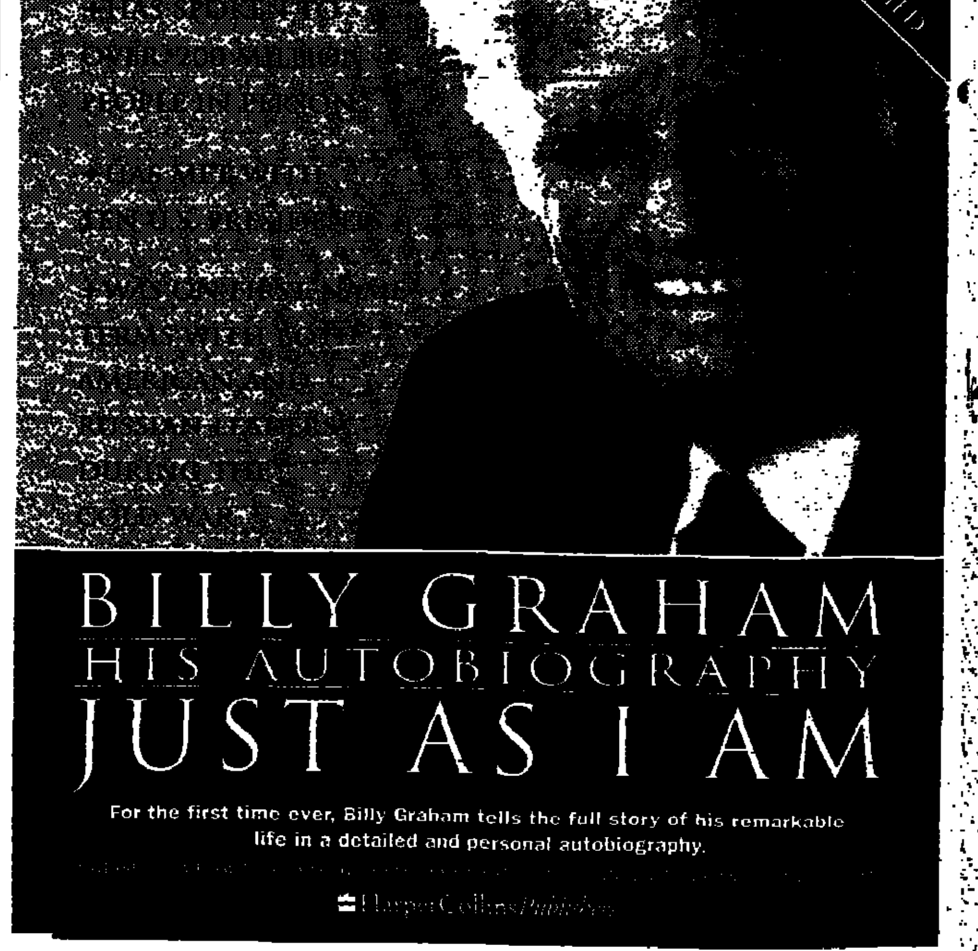
But there are compensations, not least Béart's performance. Barefoot, sultry in a light shift, and curling herself up against the wooden house like a cat, this Kerstin has more sexual tinder that Brigitte Bardot. But it's almost as if the knowledge of it would destroy her. Her marriage is becalmed by ennui, her fascination with his best friend almost palpable.

Bondy has cleverly aged his males. Knut and Axel are not 19th-century twenty-somethings but sophisticated adults scratching midlife itches. It takes a skilful piece of café philosophising by Axel to ignite Kerstin's passion, while Knut's unwillingness to impose himself between them is positively unnerving. Grevill brings a dark ironic note to Knut's ambivalence. Forever catching the compromising tail end of Kerstin and Axel's fraught conversations on his way to the beach, one can never be sure how weak or heroic he is.

Meanwhile, boarded up in the house like some slow-burning farce, Knut's parents, aided and abetted by Christine Vouilloz as Kerstin's resentful and febrile cousin, Adele, scheme and eavesdrop. Roland Amstutz turns in a deft comic performance as Knut's sermonising father, buttoned improbably into a herringbone suit, while his mother (Françoise Brion) wears the weary air of one who has seen it all before.

There is never any doubt, however, about where the real fire is burning. Bondy's choice of star is not accidental. Béart proves herself as capable of commanding a stage as she is a screen. The innocent draping of an arm, a touch, can be electric.

But it is her guilelessness that disarms. The real heat comes from the production's cinematic intensity. That, and the prickly, uncomfortable feeling that the characters in *Playing with Fire* are only truly alive to each other when they are hating, hurting or desiring.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Robson ponders Barcelona plea to stay

BY OLIVER HOLT

BOBBY ROBSON was last night caught in a new tug-of-war for his services after Barcelona reacted to the overtures being made to him by Everton. The Spanish club gave him fresh assurances that he would still be the coach at the Nou Camp stadium next season.

Some reports yesterday claimed that Everton would announce today that the former England manager was to be the successor to Joe Royle, who left the club last month, but Robson said last night that he was angered and astonished by that suggestion.

Speaking from his home in Sitges, just south of the city, Robson said that he had not even begun negotiations with the underachieving Merseyside club. Moreover, he was still mulling over his future with Barcelona after more promises were made to him this week, after the interest from Everton, that he would see out the second year of his two-year contract.

"There is still a lot of football to be played here," Robson said. "We have got seven games left and we are in two cup finals, so any talk of me joining another club is really very inappropriate at the moment.

"I have not started negotiations with Everton, although, obviously, I am aware of their interest and it is an attractive prospect. But, at the moment, I am still under contract to Barcelona and I need to seek more clarification about the situation as they see it next year.

"The other thing to bear in mind is that my thoughts are very much on the Spanish cup final, which is due to be played on June 28, and, by then, the Premiership players would be reporting back for pre-season training. That would not be ideal. One more thing is that I will be 65 on my next birthday."

Robson has led the Catalan giants to both the Cup Winners' Cup final and the Spanish Cup final in his first season in charge in Spain, an impressive double that Barcelona have not achieved for several decades. However, in the frenzied atmosphere that reigns in Spanish football, his team's failure to keep pace with Real Madrid in the race for the league championship has led to widespread rumours that he will be displaced by the Ajax coach, Louis van Gaal, at the end of the season.

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In recent weeks, the premature departure of Robson appeared to have become a formality, after Van Gaal started dropping strong hints that he would be taking over at a "big city club near the seas", and elements of the Barcelona hierarchy seemed to suggest the same thing.

Robson is thought to have met the Everton chairman, Peter Johnson, in Spain a fortnight ago and Johnson has made no secret of the fact that the man who has won titles with PSV Eindhoven and FC Porto since leaving England is at the top of an ambitious list of choices, which also features Jürgen Klinsmann, Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, and Fabio Capello, Robson's rival at Real Madrid.

But Robson, who refused to yield to his own desires when Sir John Hall offered him the job of replacing Kevin Keegan at Newcastle United earlier this season, is now facing another quandary after Barcelona's new attempts to persuade him to stay.

The club is thought to have assured him within the past two days that, even if Van Gaal is brought in next season, he will assume a watching brief and that Robson would remain in charge of first-team affairs. In many respects, he is keen to see out the remaining year of his contract in Spain and continue the sunshine lifestyle he is enjoying before slipping into retirement.

However, he has yet to be given proper clarification of Van Gaal's role and is wary of a scenario developing where the merest hint of vulnerability from his Barcelona side next season would result in an irresistible clamour for the Dutchman to replace him.

Van Gaal, for his part, has told Dutch sources that he has been promised overall charge of the coaching duties and that Robson would be responsible to him. Without that mandate, he is unlikely to be willing to move to the club.

☐ Tommy Burns was last night understood to have been dismissed as manager of Celtic. Yesterday, the man who was appointed to the post in 1994 found that there was no longer an acceptable future for him at the club. It is rumoured that he may have been offered a post dealing with youth development, but was not prepared to suffer such a diminution of his duties.

Hendry hits semi-final black spot

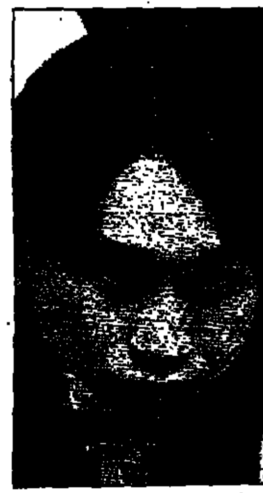
BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY, the title-holder, and James Wattana enter the closing two sessions of their semi-final in the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, today level at 8-8 — and, for once, Hendry appears vulnerable.

Hendry, an overwhelming favourite to win the title for the seventh time in eight years, led 5-3 after the opening exchanges on Thursday evening, but performed appreciably below his best on the restart as Wattana was allowed to force his way back into contention.

When Hendry, unbeaten in 28 consecutive matches at the championship, moved 7-3 ahead with a 101 break, he threatened to swamp an opponent who has beaten him on only four of their 18 meetings.

At 8-5, Hendry seemed certain to end the day holding a healthy advantage but, even then, he was not displaying the authority or confidence around the table that has become his trademark. In addition, his overambitious shot-selection policy provided Wattana with renewed hope.



Wattana: renewed hope

Wattana, who had stolen the twelfth frame on the black with a 45 clearance, after Hendry had missed a red he would normally stroke in without alarm, launched his comeback by prevailing in a scrappy fourteenth. Hendry's frustration at his own poor form, and an inability to shake off a rival who was not playing to a particularly high standard himself, then manifested itself in an attempt to roll the opening red of the fifteenth frame across the top cushion and into a corner pocket, when safety was clearly a more sensible option.

The red remained in the jaws, Wattana gratefully put together an 82 break and, subsequently, tied the scores at 8-8 with a clearance of the last two reds to pink — including a fluke on the yellow — in the final frame of the afternoon.

In falling 11-5 behind to Ken Doherty, Alain Robidoux discovered that maintaining concentration can be just as big a problem as combating the intensifying pressure.

The French Canadian has been consistency personified this season, but, with the exception of an appearance in the final of the German Open five months ago, he has not been required to remain focused for more than four or five days at a time.

On day 14 of this championship, Robidoux's competitive spark was absent, his determination blunted and the quality of his potting nothing like anything that had preceded it.

With Doherty concentrating harder, and generally much fresher, it was no surprise that he won seven of the eight frames in the second session to transform a 4-4 overnight deadlock into a sizeable lead.

The first mistake of many from Robidoux came in the opening frame. Trailing 45-34, he failed to clip the penultimate red to a top pocket. Doherty crisply cleared with 43 and then went 6-4 up, thanks to a 54 break directly after a weak safety shot by Robidoux.

Having rallied from a 43-0 deficit in the eleventh frame, with a 44 break, Robidoux was poised to recover to 6-5, but, using the rest, he again failed on a key red. Doherty cleared the colours to lead 7-4 before winning the next two disjointed frames. Robidoux stopped the rot by compiling a 63 break to end Doherty's six-frame winning sequence, but this was only a temporary interuption to the one-sided nature of the contest. Doherty eventually forged on to lead 11-5 when Robidoux, shading the sixteenth frame 64-31, had unforgivably missed an elementary brown off its spot.

Doherty, who soundly defeated Steve Davis, the six-times champion, with a full session to spare in the second round, was left needing six of the scheduled eight frames last night in order to inflict a similar ignominy on Robidoux.

DETAILS: Semi-finals: K Doherty (Ire) leads A Robidoux (Can) 11-5; S Hendry (Scot) level with J Wattana (Thai) 8-8.
TELEVISION: Today: BBC1: 1.20pm. BBC2: 10.30am, 5.15pm, 8.05pm, 10pm. Tomorrow: BBC2: 2pm, 7.25pm.

Donald directs a full-blooded appeal for leg-before to the umpire but Yates is already on his way from the crease

Lancashire dig deep for survival

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (Lancashire won toss): Scores tied. Lancashire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by losing fewer wickets

THEY still bear only a passing resemblance to the irresistible force of cup cricket they were but, when presented with a match that they had to win to stay alive in a competition they have grown used to dominating, Lancashire scrapped like starving tigers. They survived, though it was memorably close.

A week ago it would hardly have seemed possible. Lancashire had held the Benson and Hedges Cup for two years and run up an unbeaten sequence of 16 games. Suddenly, they lost two in successive days and, yesterday, they were one good blow away from a third defeat and instant elimination.

That they clung on to life amid last-ball drama, while Yorkshire were winning in similar fashion at Derby, keeps what was demonstrably the toughest of the zonal groups as the most competitive. Not one team is yet sure to proceed and all five county sides retain hope.

Warwickshire, apparently beaten when they subsided to 88 for six in pursuit of 209, rallied so effectively through Trevor Penney and Graeme Welch that their target had come down to 17 from 21 balls when the underrated Penney was seventh out.

Welch, undeterred, reduced the equation to six from two overs. He had lost another partner, though. Tony Frost bowled in trying to pull Ian Austin, and when he sacrificed the strike from the first ball of the penultimate over, Wasim Akram bowled five venomous, runless deliveries to Allan Donald.

One over left, five runs wanted and two wickets in hand. Austin began with a yorker before Welch drove him straight and the game, perhaps Lancashire's cup season, turned on an heroic stop at long-on by Graham Lloyd, turning four into two. Welch could manage only one off the third ball, Donald was bowled by the fourth and Gladstone Small, the last man, failed to score from the fifth.

Small made good contact with the last ball but drove straight to Richard Green at deep cover and had no chance of making it back for the second.

Warwickshire were beaten in spite of an awesome exhibition of pace bowling from Donald, who came on at first change and plucked out Lancashire's top three for virtually nothing. Using his head more than his strength, Donald exploited the uneven pace and bounce through an impeccable line, augmented by swinging yorkers, to finish with five for 25.

Lancashire declined to 96 for five with John Crawley completing a shocking week in which he has managed two runs from three innings. Austin came to the rescue with a calm 35 and Wasim, captaining the side, played with responsible composure for his unbeaten 52.

It was not a forbidding total to defend but Wasim then struck in his first over and Peter Martin, another who may have a place in the one-day internationals, took out Moles and Hemp with immaculate full-length outswing.

Russell escapes

JACK RUSSELL, the Gloucestershire and England wicketkeeper, will not be punished over his forthcoming autobiography.

Russell upset the cricket authorities by not making any changes to the text before a serialisation earlier this week in a national newspaper and publication of the book on May 19.

But, after referral to Gerard Elias QC, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board discipline committee, Lord's has clearly decided to let the matter pass in an attempt to defuse the furore surrounding *Jack Russell Unleashed*.

The book contains criticism of the former chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth, and the England captain, Michael Atherton, among others, but can also be seen to be fair comment from a respected player on matters of no great secrecy.

Raging Bulls charged up for revenge

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ON A baking afternoon 12 months ago at Wembley, there was no pause for breath as St Helens overhauled a 26-12 deficit to beat Bradford Bulls in the greatest comeback in 99 years of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final. The same combatants, a similar forecast and a keener anticipation created by their rivalry last year are fitting ingredients for the centenary final today.

Since losing that epic final 40-32, Bradford have strengthened their side, with seven new faces introduced since last year. A matchstick barely separates the sides, although with appetites whetted by winning the Challenge Cup and Super League last year, St Helens, if anything, are hungrier still.

The precision of Bobbie Goulding's high kicks, which tormented Nathan Graham, spectacularly undid Bradford last year. Instead of Graham today, there is the solidly correct presence at full back of Stuart Spruce, who should ensure that the Bulls are not lured into that particular trap again.

Off the field and on it, Bradford have come such a long way in a short time that, if they are to progress further, they must give foundations to their hype. Above all, they possess the physical strength and indefatigable characters, such as James Lowes, at hooker, and Steve McNamara, at loose forward, to win their first Challenge Cup final since 1949 — provided that St Helens can be outfought in the key forward battle.

As the teams toured the stadium yesterday, both coaches were playing a cat-and-mouse game. In naming his side, Matthew Elliott, of Bradford, said specifically that it was his prerogative to alter it at kick-off and, therefore, it would be no surprise to see Graeme Bradley switched from centre to half back, outside Robbie Paul.

Similarly, Bradford will only discover an hour beforehand whether Alan Hunte's recovery from a hamstring tear has been speedier than St Helens have led them to believe. With or without their in-form centre, the suspicion is that, if Bradford's physical presence can be contained, St Helens should impose their speed on Wembley's broad pitch in the manner that they did last year.

Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, has been warning darkly all week of the theory that a side has to get beaten in a final in order to win one. "I hope it gets proved inconclusive," he said. "Bradford are a big, powerful team, who intimidate with their sheer power and size. There's no point having speed if you are getting bashed." If Hunte is ruled out, Andy Haigh will probably start at centre, although, on the right side, Haigh and Danny Arnold were a far from convincing pair in the defeat of Castleford Tigers six days ago.

By switching the raw-boned Danny Peacock to the wing and moving Paul Loughlin inside him, Bradford have a formidable duo to prey on any weaknesses. Elliott has also preferred experience in choosing Bernard Dwyer at prop, ahead of Tahi Reihana.

More than any player, Loughlin does not wish to become the unluckiest at Wembley; he lost in finals with St Helens three times and twice with Bradford would establish an unenviable record. The Bulls are dismissing such thoughts. Whereas they went into the final a year ago on a losing run, they are unbeaten this season, lead St Helens at the top of the Super League and timed their return to form, after a couple of shaky wins, by swamping Sheffield Eagles last Sunday.

DETAILS

BRADFORD BULLS: S Spruce, P Cook, G Bradley, P Loughlin, D Peacock, R Paul, G Tomlinson, B McDermott, J Lowes, B Dwyer, S Nickle, S Knox, S McNamara. Substitutes: M Calland, T Reihana, P Medley, A Ekoku

ST HELENS: S Prescott, D Arnold, A Hunte or A Haigh, P Newlove, A Sullivan, T Martyn, R Goulding, A Perelini, K Cunningham, J O'Neill, C Joynt, C Morley or D McVey, K Hammond. Substitutes (from): V Matautia, I Pickavance, A Northey, P Anderson, Haigh, McVey.

Referee: S Cummings (Widnes)

TELEVISION: BBC1: Grandstand

PATHS TO FINAL: Bradford: Fourth round: beat Hunslet (a) 62-0. Fifth round: beat London (a) 34-12. Quarter-final: beat Oldham (a) 32-12. Semi-final: beat Leeds (at Huddersfield) 24-10. St Helens: Fourth round: beat Wigan (h) 26-12. Fifth round: beat Hull (h) 54-8. Quarter-final: beat Keighley (a) 24-0. Semi-final: beat Salford (at Wigan) 50-20

In the modern 17-man game, especially in the heat, the side that best rotates its forwards often prevails. In Paul Medley and Ian Pickavance, the respective teams can introduce the best impact players around. Lowes, combative and prickly, and Keiron Cunningham, spiky and often inspirational in driving St Helens forward from dummy half, should ensure a fascinating cameo at hooker.

A year ago, it came down to the duel at scrum half between Paul and Goulding. Although Paul became the first player to score a hat-trick of tries at Wembley, he was outperformed by Goulding, who induced a hat-trick of errors in the Bradford defence.

Bradford know where they went wrong. For an omen, they can also look up the result of the 1897 Challenge Cup final: Batley 10 St Helens 3.

Hereford desperately seeking survival instinct

Andrew Longmore on the third division showdown this afternoon that will see one of the clubs disappear from the Nationwide League, possibly never to return

Hereford United have troubled the waters little in their 25 years of League football. Ronnie Radford's 1972 giant-killing against Newcastle United apart, they cannot boast any high-rolling tradition, nor count on the sympathy vote. No-one has tried to asset-strip the club nor move them to Birmingham.

Hereford have to beat Brighton today to stay in the Nationwide League. The mess is entirely of their own making and only an assortment of odd-jobbers and callow kids can get them out of it. For the losers, the consequences do not bear contemplation.

"That old saying of Bill Shankly's about football being more important than life or death has been taken out of context in the past," Graham Turner, their personable manager, said. "But I know what he meant now. I've been in management for 18 years, been to a League Cup final with Wolves and went into a quarter-final of the FA Cup knowing I would resign if we lost. But all that pales into insignificance. This is my biggest match in management.

"People say this is a sleepy backwater. So what? Our supporters care just as passionately about their club as followers of Liverpool or Manchester United. I didn't want this match. I wake up in a cold sweat sometimes, but now we've got it, we're looking forward to it. You just have to put to the back of your minds why we're here."

There has been a depressing inevitability about this last-day shoot-out. Despite bringing in a clutch of new players on free transfers, Turner has been unable to paper over his side's lack of experience. Twelve months ago Hereford won the last game of the season to reach the play-offs, but most of the side had to be moved on to pay the bills.

While Brighton's plight has captured the headlines, Hereford are just another lower-division club bumbling along with the aid of the bank manager. The silver lining is that an all-ticket full house of 8,800 has enabled Robin Fry, the managing director, to guarantee cash flow for a day or two, an unexpected luxury at this stage of the season. Next week, the city council will consider financial proposals for a new ground. Rejection would be a bigger body-blow than defeat.

All talk of failure is embargoed anyway. On Monday, Fry assured Turner that the club would keep its full-time staff whatever the result and bounce straight back like Lincoln City, Darlington and Colchester United. "That took about two minutes and it was all over," he said. But as she looks out over the Edgar Street ground, Joan Fennessy, the club secretary, who came to help out 17 years ago and stayed, cannot repel all her fears. "There would be so much sadness if . . ."

The same mood, a sort of desperate optimism, has permeated the dressing-room. "There were a few tears after the Orient game because there is a stigma attached to being bottom of the league," Turner said. "It was a very unpleasant weekend, but the time for throwing teacups had long gone. We've just got to keep our nerve now and be positive."

The players are trying, rummaging through their pasts in search of pride. Bradley Sandeman only arrived at Hereford six weeks ago, on a free transfer from Rotherham United. He left Northampton Town just before the receiver was brought in and is still owed three months' wages by Maidstone United from when they went bankrupt.

Staying in the league is becoming personal. "Rotherham went down this season and, if Hereford go too, it won't look too good on my CV, will it?" Sandeman said. "We're all fighting for our careers."

"Where will I find my ideal partner?"

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CRICKET

Derbyshire's level best unavailing

By Michael Henderson

DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): Scores tied. Yorkshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire on a higher score after 25 overs

DERBYSHIRE received the sad news this week of the violent death of Ashley Harvey-Walker, their former batsman, who was gunned down in a Johannesburg bar on Monday. Such acts put defeats on the cricket field, even one as slender as this, into some sort of perspective.

Yorkshire won on a higher scoring rate after the scores finished absolutely level: both sides made 260 for seven but Yorkshire were 13 runs ahead on 116 for two on a 25-over countback. DeFreitas, needing two runs from the final ball, bowled by Silverwood, could manage only a single and Derbyshire went down to their first defeat of this year in the Benson and Hedges Cup competition.

Derbyshire required 11 runs from the final over, and, when Silverwood yorked Krikken with the second ball and the next two brought only a single for Roberts, they needed eight from two balls. What should have been the last ball, a waist-height full toss that umpire Constant deemed to be a no-ball, doubled DeFreitas's two runs and, after a five-minute delay as umpires and players sought clarification on the competition rules, Yorkshire prevailed.

Stemp, Yorkshire's slow left-armer, won the gold award even though he did not bowl his full allocation. He took only two wickets but he bowled at a stage of the match when Derbyshire, led by Barnett, were batting freely. Furthermore, the wickets he took belonged to Jones and Barnett, who fell 12 runs short of his second hundred of the week.

Their innings lost momentum after Jones, caught in "three man's land", was bowled. Khan played some spanking strokes through the off side but, when he clipped Silverwood to short mid-wicket and Barnett drove Stemp to long-on, Derbyshire needed 73 from the last ten overs. Krikken and DeFreitas almost took them there, with a spirited stand of 50 in seven overs. It was not quite enough.

Though they might have settled beforehand for a score of 260 for seven, Yorkshire ought to have made a few more after going into the last 20 overs 150 runs to the good. Neither Moxon, Lehmann or Hartley will be proud of the strokes that led to their dismissals, so they ended at least 25 runs light.

Moxon, trying to pull the first ball by Clarke, the leg spinner, was leg-before as it kept a shade low, though the stroke was rather rustic. Lehmann, the 27-year-old Australian, was bowled as he sought to heave Barnett, somewhat inelegantly, through mid-wicket. Hartley is not a specialist batsman, or anything like one, but his attempt to belt Roberts over mid-wicket was still a shocker.

In the morning DeFreitas bowled beautifully, swinging the ball away from the right-hander on a good length. He had only one wicket to show for it, that of Byas, and at the other end Harris was so indulgent in his first two overs that he was immediately withdrawn. How costly those runs were to prove.

Stewart and Brown go for the jugular

By Barney Spender

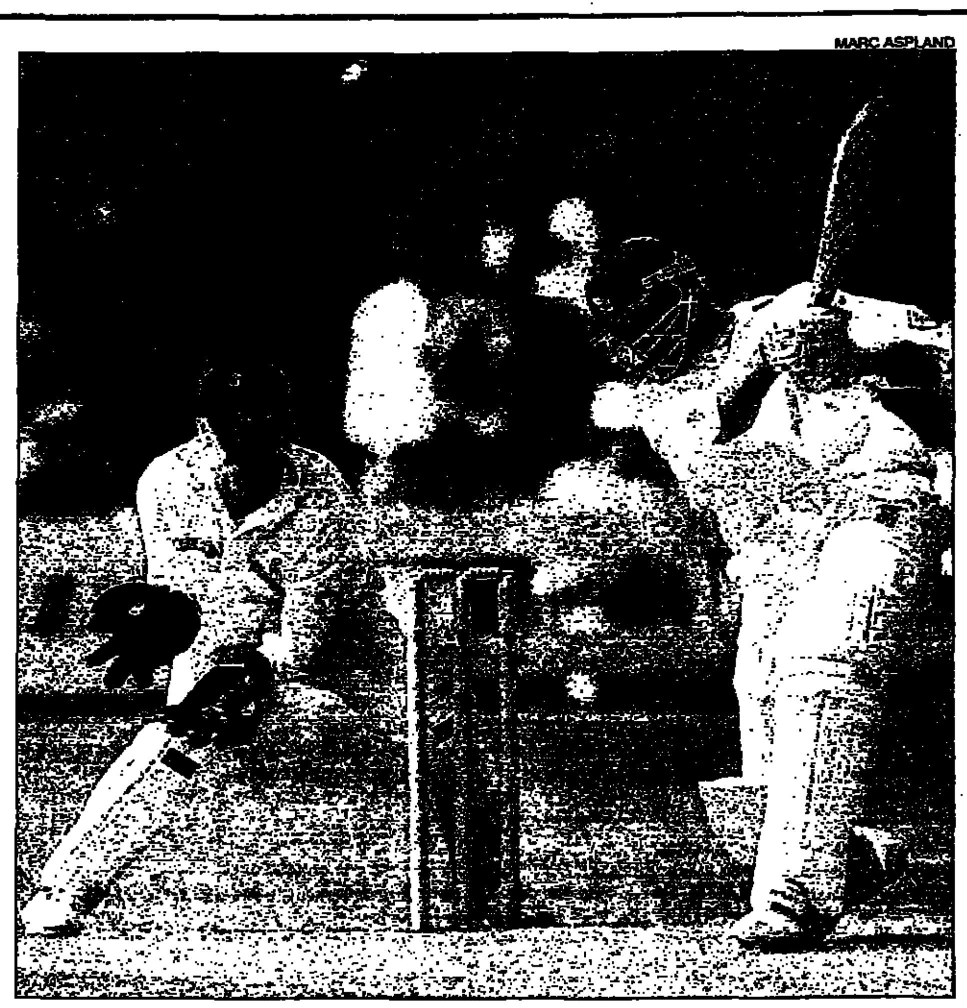
THE OVAL (British Universities won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat British Universities by six wickets

IT WAS not quite the landslide that at one stage looked likely, but Surrey still romped home by a sizeable majority at the Oval yesterday. Needing just 199 to win, Alec Stewart and Alistair Brown had 97 on the board inside ten overs and, although four wickets went down, the target was duly reached two balls after the halfway mark of 25 overs, with six wickets in hand.

Given the nature of the win, it was perhaps appropriate that the outgoing prime minister was present. John Major, a Surrey member, was in relaxed mood as he chatted with the students between innings, doubtless congratulating Will House, of Cambridge University and Kent, on a marvellous innings of 93 that rescued the British Universities from humiliation and brought him the gold award.

The Universities' top order was initially tied down by Bicknell and Lewis to such an extent that, by the time the fielding restrictions were relaxed after 15 overs, they were struggling at 22 for two. Joey Benjamin soon made it 30 for four, as he dismissed Singh and Chilton in successive overs, but that was the cue for House, well supported by Ford, to play his part.

A piercing cover-drive off Benjamin set him on his way and he proceeded to play a wonderfully fluent innings. A target of 198, however, was never going to be enough and Stewart, playing but not keeping wicket because of his damaged finger, and Brown went for the jugular from the outset. Brown perished for a rapid 47 but Stewart stayed to the finish, with three sixes and 11 fours in his 87 not out.



MARC ASPLAND

McGrath, of Yorkshire, holed out in the deep from this lusty swing at Barnett

Kent pair quick off the mark

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (Sussex won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Sussex by six wickets

THIS was all too easy. These two counties have had some memorable limited-overs tussles in the past on the St Lawrence ground, but not on this occasion. Hostile opening bowling and another impressive innings by Matthew Walker brought about a victory that, barring mathematical improbabilities, has taken Kent into the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Stronger batting orders than that of Sussex will be uprooted by McCague and Headley this season. Greenfield edged the first ball of the match to slip, Drakes was bowled by a beauty and Lenham was taken at the wicket, dabbing at one that moved away. This was accurate and genuinely quick bowling and it effectively won the match.

Reduced to 18 for three, Sussex never recovered. Jarvis belted a half-century off 61 balls late in the innings, including successive sixes off McCague, but nobody else prospered. Taylor, properly acknowledged on his return to the ground on which he made more centuries than either Woolley or Cowdrey, worked the ball around for a while, but that was about it.

The Kent catching was top-class. Ealham, fielding at wide mid-on, the position that his father favoured, flung himself full length to hold one-handed the fiercest of drives by Newell. Moores, prodding indeterminately at Strang, was taken left-handed by Ward at silly point, again at full stretch. The leg spinner took four wickets, but it was Headley who received the gold award.

David Lloyd, the England coach, was at the ground and will have Headley in mind for the forthcoming one-day internationals, and perhaps Ealham and McCague as well. As for the Kent innings, he will have learnt little save that Walker is fast becoming an opener to be reckoned with; this was his fourth successive half-century in one-day cricket.

Short and squat, he enjoyed the way the ball came on to the bat, hitting nine fours in his unbeaten 69 off 113 balls. The ground is so hard that he could forget the old adage about not late-cutting before the end of May. Wells did not make as many runs as he would have liked against his old county; but no matter. Kent had nearly 13 overs to spare. Their next match is against British Universities on this ground on Monday.

Bold effort by Smith falls short of target

By Jack Bailey

SOUTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Hampshire by two runs

A WELCOME return to buccaneering form by Robin Smith put Hampshire well on the road to registering their first victory of the season in the Benson and Hedges Cup. His 92 from 104 balls showed him somewhere near his best and the nine fours and two sixes that he smote testified to his sheer weight of stroke. But it was to no avail and, to all intents and purposes, Hampshire have no further interest in the competition.

Smith was supported staunchly by Udal, whose pinch-hitting matched him run for run with the South African during a third-wicket partnership of 80 from 16 overs, after Hampshire had lost two early wickets. Then Keech and Kendall also batted well in supporting roles. But the 42 runs required from the last seven overs by Hampshire's tail-enders, after Smith had been well caught by Ball at deep point, proved just too much.

Hampshire went down with all bats flailing. They came within three runs of victory after a bold attempt to make 30 from the last three overs. This came down to 15 from the last three balls and, although Mike Smith bowled a helpful no-ball to give Gloucestershire kittens and Hampshire hope, the final ball saw Gloucestershire home.

So it was that a magnificent innings of 87 from 80 balls, which entertained the morning crowd and gave the Gloucestershire innings its backbone, proved decisive. Monte Lynch and his opening partner appeared to have wasted the advantages offered by the obligatory close field. But if they did, this had little to do with Lynch.

Trainor made only 26 from 79 balls. His inability to get the ball away was one thing; the fact that he kept the strike away from the belligerent Lynch was even more serious. For Trainor, it was just one of those days when the timing was awry. Certainly 57 from the first 15 overs was not the sort of progress, on a good pitch, that Gloucestershire were contemplating.

Then Lynch took command. His three sixes and seven fours were the result of exquisite timing. He it was who brought Gloucestershire to a total which at one time looked well beyond them.

Zahid sees the scale of his mission

By Richard Hobson

TRENT BRIDGE (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Nottinghamshire by eight wickets

WITH an unfortunate sense of timing, Mohammad Zahid arrived at Trent Bridge yesterday to see his new team-mates suffer the closing moments of this sorry defeat. As he watched Robert Bailey strike Richard Bates for the winning boundary, he must have felt tempted to take the first flight home.

Zahid looked distinctly weary after completing his journey from Colombo via Dubai, immediately after the Test match against Sri Lanka, that encompassed a day and a half. The Pakistan international is in for a long, hard summer, though, as Nottinghamshire's overseas player. The county are in desparate need of a strike bowler.

As it is, he is probably too late to help them into the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. Defeated twice, Nottinghamshire must overcome Scotland on Monday week, significantly improve their net run-rate and hope that results elsewhere help them.

Northamptonshire are off the mark after their loss to Durham on Wednesday. Ironically, the victory was prompted by their Pakistan bowler, Muhammad Akram. He removed Paul Johnson and Graeme Archer in his first spell, had Mathew Dowman dropped and returned to beat Chris Tolley and force an edge from Kevin Evans when Nottinghamshire attempted, forlornly, to finish with a flourish.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M P Dowman st Ripley b Embuery	92
*P Johnson c Curran b Mohammad	5
G F Archer c Ripley b Mohammad	14
R T Robinson b Snape	25
P R Pollard lbw b Taylor	18
N A Gie c Capel b Snape	6
C M Tolley b Mohammad	21
†W M Noon not out	7
K P Evans c Ripley b Mohammad	7
R T Bates b Taylor	4
R A Pick not out	1
Extras (lb 10, w 8)	18
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-50, 3-108, 4-149, 5-161, 6-195, 7-199, 8-210, 9-216

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 10-0-47-4 Taylor 10-1-40-2; Capel 6-0-25-0; Embuery 10-0-43-1; Snape 10-1-37-2; Bailey 4-0-16-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Capel b Dowman	68
M B Loye c Evans b Tolley	24
*R J Bailey not out	73
K M Curran not out	49
Extras (lb 2, w 3, nb 2)	7
Total (2 wkts, 41.4 overs)	221

A L Penberthy, T C Walton, J N Snape, †D Ripley, J E Emburey, J P Taylor and Mohammad Akram did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-114

BOWLING: Evans 7-1-26-0; Pick 8-0-59-0; Tolley 7-0-33-1; Dowman 9-0-44-1; Archer 0.5-0-4-0; Bates 9.5-2-53-0.

Gold award: D J Capel.

Umpires: G I Burgess and A A Jones.

Dalton shines but Minors suffer in class distinction

By Derek Hodgson

WORCESTER (Minor Counties won toss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by four wickets

A STEAMY morning by the River Severn is a test of many captains' acumen: do you bat first on a good track or give your bowlers use of the heavy air? Ian Cockbain, the Minor Counties captain, opted to bat and his side was 65 for four with 25 overs gone.

In fairness, they would have almost certainly lost no matter what, such is the gap between first-class players and a team of mostly high-grade club cricketers. Even with Wayne Larkins at the top of their order, the Minor Counties allowed Phil Newport to start with a spell of 7-5-7-0, a stranglehold that they could never unlock.

Larkins, who has flayed bowling worldwide, was restricted to 16 in 17 overs before he became one of Stuart Lampitt's four victims as the Minors strove to put runs on the board with the overs draining away.

They were saved from suffocation by Richard Dalton, 31, a factory supervisor from Wellingborough, who scored 75 against Derbyshire five days ago. Slim, bearded, upright, he swings through the ball audaciously and this 69, off 47 balls, included nine fours and four sixes.

Whatever difficulties Worcestershire encountered when batting were mostly self-induced. One by one their batsmen got themselves out when comfortably set.

Graeme Hick took 13 balls to score, then hit two dazzling boundaries and seemed serenely untroubled until he hooked half-heartedly at Tony Murphy and was caught at long leg.

Tom Moody hit two sixes in a sensible half-century and seemed determined to see the team home when he took a mow at the deceptively medium-paced Dalton and was bowled.

When Dalton took a return catch, off Vikram Solanki, and bowled Gavin Haynes, his day was certainly made even if the match will not linger long in the memory. All sentiment aside, he deserved his gold award.

Scotland missing the tried and tested

By Simon Wilde

FORFAR (Durham won toss): Durham (2pts) beat Scotland by eight wickets

CRICKET is not played in many places farther north than Lochside Park and, when the weather is as beautiful as it was yesterday, few prettier either. With few clouds in sight, all was right with Scotland's world, except for the fate of the heroes of Kuala Lumpur.

Some might conclude that the gilt is fast falling off Scotland's achievement of qualifying, in Malaysia, for the next World Cup, but they are stricken by absentees in this Benson and Hedges Cup campaign and have no choice but to throw untested players into the fray.

Durham, who are in no position to be generous, gave them a stern lesson but Jim Love, the Scotland coach, can be pleased with some aspects of play. Smith confirmed his reputation as the side's most cultured batsman with an assured half-century and Thomson, who has had trials with Durham, bowled well with the new ball and was rewarded with the wicket of Lewis as Durham made light of chasing 151.

Smith is one Scotland player who does not need to worry about taking time off work to play because he is unemployed, having given up his job in the oil industry to prepare for the ICC Trophy by playing club cricket in Australia. Except for the support that he received from Williamson, who helped to add 73, he played a lone hand before sacrificing himself in the push for runs.

Scotland could not break free of the stranglehold imposed by Brown and Killeen, Brown again bowling with precision. Mindful of their run-rate, Durham promoted Foster to hasten the end. He thumped 73 from 57 balls but failed, despite his best endeavours, to reach the Grampians.

Mushtaq puts ambitious Irish in a spin

By John Thicknesse

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat Ireland by 221 runs

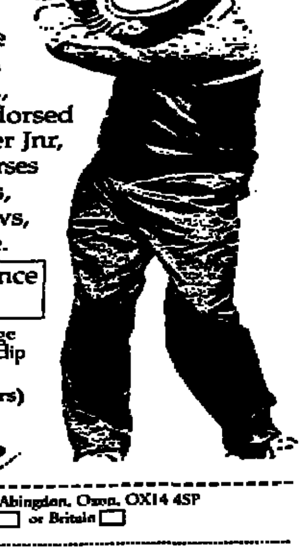
IRELAND'S hopes of repeating their historic feat of beating Middlesex on Tuesday lasted only as long as it took Simon Ecclestone and Richard Harden to lay the foundations of a fourth-wicket stand of 90 at Taunton yesterday. With Ecclestone making 92, it saw Somerset to 349 for seven, which, failing a 150 from Hansie Cronje, the captain of South Africa, put them well out of danger.

Given a dashing lead by Andrew Patterson, 21, Ireland looked capable of making a respectable reply until Mushtaq Ahmed came on for the tenth over.

Having arrived from Sri Lanka only yesterday, the Pakistan wrist spinner could be excused for starting with a leg-side wide to the boundary — especially when the next ball, an undetected googly, accounted for Cronje. Helped by playing on the pitch used for Glamorgan's group D game on Wednesday, Mushtaq's turn, variety and pace were predictably too much for Ireland. He finished with seven for 24, of which the googly was responsible for four.

In so far as they missed six chances and delivered 16 wides and no-balls, Ireland had themselves to blame for conceding such a daunting score. On an outfield running as fast as it might be in late August after four parched months, however, Somerset would have asked themselves questions had they failed to top 300, especially after an opening stand of 87 at seven runs an over between Rose and Burns.

Within half an hour of Benson bowling Burns, however, Somerset were 126 for three, Cronje's swing dislodging Rose and Lathwell. But Ecclestone's confident driving removed any danger of a full collapse.



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YESTERDAY'S BENSON AND HEDGES CUP SCOREBOARDS

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): Scores tied. Yorkshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire on a higher score after 25 overs

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas lbw b DeFreitas	19
M D Moxon lbw b Clarke	52
M P Vaughan c and b Roberts	46
D S Lehmann b Barnett	26
P J Hartley b Roberts	12
A McGrath c Khan b Barnett	43
C White not out	36
†R J Blakey c Roberts b Barnett	6
D Gough not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 8, nb 2)	20
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	260

C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-106, 3-150, 4-162, 5-170, 6-239, 7-255

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-1-38-1; Harris 9-0-56-0; Dean 8-1-40-0; Roberts 10-0-47-2; Clarke 3-0-17-1; Barnett 10-1-52-3

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett c Gough b Stemp	88
C J Adams lbw b Hartley	23
*D M Jones b Stemp	20
G A Khan c White b Silverwood	33
V P Clarke run out	7
A S Rollins lbw b Silverwood	0
†K M Krikken b Silverwood	32
P A J DeFreitas not out	32
G M Roberts not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 9, nb 12)	24
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	260

K J Dean and A J Harris did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-97, 3-175, 4-183, 5-183, 6-202, 7-252

BOWLING: Gough 10-0-52-0; Silverwood 7-0-47-3; White 9-0-55-0; Hartley 10-1-32-1; Stemp 9-1-35-2; Vaughan 2-0-14-0; Lehmann 3-0-22-0

Gold award: R D Stemp

Umpires: D J Constant and V A Holder

Warwickshire v Lancashire

EDGBASTON (Lancashire won toss): Scores tied. Lancashire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by losing fewer wickets

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Penney b Donald	33
M A Atherton c Ostler b Donald	24
J P Crawley b Donald	0
N H Fairbrother b Giles	0
G D Lloyd lbw b Small	13
I D Austin c Frost b Donald	35
*Wasim Akram not out	53
†W K Hegg b Small	19
G Yates lbw b Donald	5
R J Green not out	6
Extras (lb 9, w 8, nb 4)	21
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	208

P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-58, 3-59, 4-70, 5-98, 6-139, 7-177, 8-196

BOWLING: Welch 5-1-17-0; Brown 6-0-33-0; Donald 10-3-25-5; Giles 9-0-42-1; Small 10-0-35-2; Smith 10-1-47-0

WARWICKSHIRE

*A J Moles lbw b Martin	3
N M K Smith b Wasim	0
D R Brown c and b Yates	41
D L Hemp b Martin	6
D P Ostler lbw b Green	17
T L Penney b Wasim	55
A F Giles c Austin b Yates	10
G Welch not out	55
†T Frost b Austin	1
A A Donald b Austin	0
G C Small run out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 6, nb 4)	19
Total (50 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-26, 4-71, 5-71, 6-88, 7-192, 8-203, 9-207.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-0-54-2; Martin 10-4-20-2; Austin 10-3-41-2; Green 10-1-41-1; Yates 10-0-43-2

Gold award: Wasim Akram

Umpires: J D Bond and T E Jesty

Worcs v Minor Counties

WORCESTER (Minor Counties won toss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by four wickets

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c Moody b Haynes	0
W Larkins c Rhodes b Lampitt	16
J P J Sylvester lbw b Brinkley	9
*I Cockbain c Rhodes b Leatherdale	16
M A Fell c Moody b Leatherdale	4
R N Dalton c Spiring b Hick	69
S V Laudat c Rhodes b Newport	2
†P J Nicholson c Rhodes b Leatherdale	14
N V Radford c Weston b Leatherdale	7
M A Sharp run out	5
A J Murphy not out	1
Extras (lb 15, w 19)	34
Total (45.5 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-33, 3-65, 4-65, 5-73, 6-102, 7-149, 8-168, 9-174

BOWLING: Newport 10-5-20-1; Haynes 10-3-15-1; Lampitt 8-1-33-1; Brinkley 8.5-0-55-1; Leatherdale 6-1-13-4; Hick 3-0-26-1

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody b Dalton	50
W P C Weston c Radford b Sharp	8
G A Hick c Sharp b Murphy	28
G R Haynes b Dalton	25
V S Solanki c and b Dalton	16
K R Spiring c Cockbain b Murphy	7
D A Leatherdale not out	17
S R Lampitt not out	4
Extras (lb 10, w 16)	26
Total (6 wkts, 42.4 overs)	181

†S J Rhodes, P J Newport and J E Brinkley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-95, 3-118, 4-138, 5-160, 6-160

BOWLING: Radford 10-2-23-0; Sharp 7-1-31-1; Murphy 10-0-39-2; Laudat 6.4-0-45-0; Dalton 9-1-33-3

Gold award: R N Dalton

Umpires: A Clarkson and R Julian

Scotland v Durham

FORFAR (Durham won toss): Durham (2pts) beat Scotland by eight wickets

SCOTLAND

B M W Patterson b Foster	2
*I L Philip lbw b Brown	11
D R Lockhart c Speight b Walker	6
M J Smith run out	55
J G Williamson b Boiling	24
S Gourlay lbw b Boiling	0
†A G Davies b Brown	3
J W Govan c Boon b Walker	11
G P Hurlbatt not out	12
P D Steindl not out	9
Extras (lb 7, w 10)	17
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	150

K Thomson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-22, 3-28, 4-101, 5-101, 6-110, 7-120, 8-136

BOWLING: Brown 10-2-13-2; Killeen 10-1-28-0; Foster 7-1-27-1; Walker 10-1-32-2; Boiling 10-2-26-2; Collingwood 3-0-17-0

DURHAM

J J B Lewis c Williamson b Thomson	18
P D Collingwood c and b Gourlay	32
M J Foster not out	73
M A Roseberry not out	27
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (2 wkts, 24.3 overs)	154

*D C Boon, N J Speak, †M P Speight, J Boiling, N Killeen, S J E Brown and A Walker did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-68.

BOWLING: Thomson 6-1-28-1; Hurlbatt 4-0-19-0; Williamson 2-0-19-0; Gourlay 8.3-0-37-1; Steindl 3-0-21-0; Govan 2-0-24-0; Smith 1-0-4-0

Gold award: M J Smith.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Hants v Gloucs

SOUTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Hampshire by two runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

N J Trainor st Aymes b Udal	26
M A Lynch c Keech b Maru	87
S Young c Aymes b Maru	18
†R C Russell c Hayden b Stephenson	26
*M W Alleyne c Aymes b Renshaw	17
T H C Hancock c Hayden b Renshaw	22
R J Cunliffe run out	15
R I Dawson lbw b Udal	3
M C J Ball c and b Stephenson	28
A M Smith not out	3
Extras (lb 8, w 10)	18
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	263

R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-126, 3-154, 4-179, 5-199, 6-215, 7-228, 8-232, 9-263

BOWLING: Mascarenhas 10-1-52-0; Renshaw 10-1-42-2; Maru 10-0-51-2; Udal 10-1-31-2; Stephenson 10-0-79-2

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney b Smith	4
M L Hayden lbw b Young	0
S D Udal b Ball	34
R A Smith c Ball b Alleyne	92
M Keech c Lynch b Smith	32
W S Kendall c and b Davis	19
*J P Stephenson c Davis b Young	12
†A N Aymes not out	22
A D Mascarenhas c Ball b Young	20
S J Renshaw c Davis b Young	0
R J Maru not out	9
Extras (lb 7, w 5, nb 5)	17
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	261

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-86, 4-149, 5-193, 6-199, 7-214, 8-245, 9-247.

BOWLING: Smith 10-2-35-2; Young 10-1-54-4; Alleyne 9-0-67-1; Ball 10-0-40-1; Hancock 1-0-10-0; Davis 10-0-48-1

Gold award: M A Lynch.

Umpires: R Palmer and P Willey

Kent v Sussex

CANTERBURY (Sussex won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Sussex by six wickets

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Wells b McCague	0
V C Drakes b Headley	5
N R Taylor lbw b Strang	30
N J Lenham c Marsh b Headley	0
C W J Athey c Marsh b Fleming	23
K Newell c Ealham b Strang	5
*†P Moores c Ward b Strang	0
P W Jarvis c Headley b Strang	63
N C Phillips c Ward b Ealham	11
A A Khan lbw b Ealham	8
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2)	8
Total (47.3 overs)	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-12, 3-18, 4-57, 5-60, 6-60, 7-82, 8-106, 9-144.

BOWLING: McCague 10-2-39-1; Headley 10-5-14-2; Fleming 10-1-38-1; Strang 8.3-3-27-4; Ealham 9-0-31-2

KENT

M V Fleming b Jarvis	14
M J Walker not out	69
T R Ward b Khan	20
A P Wells c Phillips b Jarvis	16
G R Cowdrey st Moores b Phillips	15
M A Ealham not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 7, nb 10)	20
Total (4 wkts, 37.1 overs)	154

N J Llong, P A Strang, *†S A Marsh, M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-84, 3-120, 4-152.

BOWLING: Jarvis 10-1-42-2; Drakes 8-1-24-0; Robinson 7-0-42-0; Khan 10-1-36-1; Phillips 3.1-1-8-1; Newell 1-0-1-0.

Gold award: D W Headley.

Umpires: J H Harris and J W Holder

Surrey v British Univs

THE OVAL (British Universities won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat British Universities by six wickets

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

T P Hodgson c Knott b Lewis	0
E T Smith c Lewis b Bicknell	10
M J Chilton c Thorpe b B C Hollioake	8
*A Singh c Knott b Benjamin	8
W J House c Stewart b B C Hollioake	93
J A Ford c Thorpe b Bicknell	38
†T M B Bailey c Knott b Lewis	1
R S C Martin-Jenkins c Brown b A J Hollioake	10
U B A Rashid b A J Hollioake	0
P S Jones c Brown b A J Hollioake	12
M K Davies not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 6)	17
Total (49.5 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-14, 3-30, 4-30, 5-118, 6-123, 7-185, 8-185, 9-188.

BOWLING: Bicknell 10-4-27-2; Lewis 8-5-6-2; Benjamin 10-2-25-1; B C Hollioake 10-1-51-2; Salisbury 5-0-38-0; A J Hollioake 6.5-0-40-3.

SURREY

A D Brown c Ford b Chilton	47
A J Stewart not out	86
B C Hollioake st Bailey b Chilton	8
G P Thorpe b Davies	28
*A J Hollioake st Bailey b Rashid	1
N Shahid not out	20
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 2, nb 4)	9
Total (4 wkts, 25.2 overs)	199

C C Lewis, I D K Salisbury, †J A Knott, M P Bicknell and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-108, 3-163, 4-164.

BOWLING: Rashid 7-0-53-1; Martin-Jenkins 4-0-37-0; Jones 3-0-29-0; Davies 8.2-1-69-1; Chilton 3-0-8-2.

Gold award: W J House.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehead.

Glamorgan v Middlesex

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Middlesex by seven runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Brown b Fraser	7
H Morris st Brown b Tufnell	76
A Dale st Brown b Dutch	100
*M P Maynard c Brown b Johnson	1
P A Cottey c Ramprakash b Dutch	15
R D B Croft c Ramprakash b Dutch	33
G P Butcher not out	6
†A D Shaw b Dutch	2
S D Thomas not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 2)	11
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	252

S L Watkin and O T Parkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-138, 3-143, 4-181, 5-238, 6-249, 7-251.

BOWLING: Fraser 7-1-27-1; Hewitt 5-0-29-0; Weekes 4-0-37-0; Kallis 8-1-30-0; Tufnell 10-0-35-1; Johnson 9-0-54-1; Dutch 7-0-42-4.

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes lbw b Watkin	18
J H Kallis st Shaw b Croft	72
K P Dutch c Croft b Watkin	4
M R Ramprakash lbw b Croft	44
*M W Gatting b Thomas	8
J C Pooley run out	17
†K R Brown not out	42
J P Hewitt lbw b Thomas	0
R L Johnson b Dale	15
A R C Fraser c Maynard b Dale	0
P C R Tufnell c Maynard b Dale	2
Extras (lb 13, w 6, nb 4)	23
Total (49.2 overs)	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-43, 3-150, 4-151, 5-175, 6-188, 7-188, 8-239, 9-239.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-0-43-2; Parkin 10-1-51-0; Thomas 10-0-47-2; Dale 8.2-0-30-3; Croft 10-0-38-2; Butcher 3-0-23-0

Gold award: A Dale.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

Somerset v Ireland

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat Ireland by 221 runs

SOMERSET

G D Rose c Eagleson b Cronje	24
M Burns b Benson	50
S C Ecclestone c Patterson b McCrum	92
M N Lathwell b Cronje	8
R J Harden c Molins b McCrum	37
*P D Bowler c Molins b Heasley	42
†R J Turner lbw b Cooke	42
K A Parsons not out	22
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 16, nb 6)	32
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	349

J I D Kerr, A R Caddick and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-91, 3-126, 4-216, 5-258, 6-311, 7-349.

BOWLING: Eagleson 7-0-50-0; Cooke 10-0-78-1; McCrum 9-0-58-2; Cronje 9-1-60-2; Benson 4-0-29-1; Heasley 8-0-43-1, Molins 3-0-23-0

IRELAND

K W McCallan b Caddick	0
†A Patterson c Bowler b Mushtaq	50
D A Lewis c Lathwell b Rose	10
W J Cronje lbw b Mushtaq	1
*J D R Benson b Mushtaq	8
A R Dunlop c Harden b Mushtaq	0
D Heasley b Mushtaq	12
R L Eagleson c Parsons b Caddick	9
F L Molins b Mushtaq	0
G Cooke not out	12
P McCrum c Rose b Mushtaq	5
Extras (lb 6, w 9, nb 6)	21
Total (27.2 overs)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-40, 3-51, 4-71, 5-72, 6-85, 7-89, 8-107, 9-109.

BOWLING: Rose 6-0-38-1; Caddick 10-1-53-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 9.2-2-24-7; Kerr 2-0-6-0.

Gold award: Mushtaq Ahmed.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J F Steele.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chelmsford: Essex 117 and 417-9 dec; Glamorgan 194 and 25-0. Hinckley: Nottinghamshire 294 and 44-5; Leicestershire 216. Cheam: Surrey 199 and 331-4, Middlesex 282 (P E Wellings 94, D Alleyne 52; M W Patterson 6-80). (final day of three): New Eltham: Kent 91 and 277 (M M Patel 74, J H Baldock 59; M J Hoggard 6-59); Yorkshire 245 and 114 (D A Scott 6-28). Kent win by nine runs.

CRICKET

Dale takes honours for Glamorgan

By Pat Gibson

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Middlesex by seven runs

FIRST the Irish, now the Welsh have put Middlesex to the sword on foreign soil this week; and, with a little local difficulty against Essex in between, they are out of the Benson and Hedges Cup, while Glamorgan have an outside chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Both sides must have been thinking about what might have been yesterday. Up on the players' balcony, Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, was watching his new county for the first time and pledging himself to them for the rest of the summer — once he has got into full swing either against Yorkshire, next Wednesday, or Kent the week after.

Out in the middle, Middlesex's new overseas player, Jacques Kallis, of South Africa, was introducing himself as a considerable presence who might have made all the difference in those games against Ireland and Essex.

In the event, Adrian Dale, the Glamorgan all-rounder, who has had a frustrating time since he played so well a few years ago that he was selected for an England A tour, upstaged them both. He scored a hundred that formed the bulk of Glamorgan's 252 for seven. Then he took the last three Middlesex wickets in six balls to leave them eight runs short of their target.

Needless to say, he was given the gold award, although it might have been a close-run thing if Keith Brown, the pugnacious Middlesex wicketkeeper, who had already taken two catches and made two stumpings, had managed to snatch the game from Glamorgan instead of running out of partners in the last over on 42.

Brown's first effort, a plunging catch to his right to dismiss James, gave Fraser an early wicket but, with nothing in the pitch for the seamers, Morris and Dale gave Glamorgan the foundation for a huge score with a third-wicket stand of 112 in 23 overs.

Not for the first time this season, they failed to make the most of it. Morris, having hit 76 off 79 balls with ten fours, was stumped off Tufnell and Maynard and Cottey threw their wickets away. So it was just as well that Croft struck 33 off 24 balls as Dale moved onto his second century of the season. He was eventually stumped off Dutch.

Middlesex looked capable of getting the runs when Kallis, oozing class, and Ramprakash, batting for most of the time with a runner because of a pulled hamstring, were putting on 107 in 22 overs, but then Croft removed them both in the space of three balls. Only Brown gave Middlesex any hope after that.

TABLES

Group A

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	4	26.82
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	4	4.11
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	4	2.55
Worcestershire	3	2	1	0	4	-3.34
Lancashire	3	1	2	0	2	-6.38
Minor Counties	3	0	3	0	0	-23.19

Group B

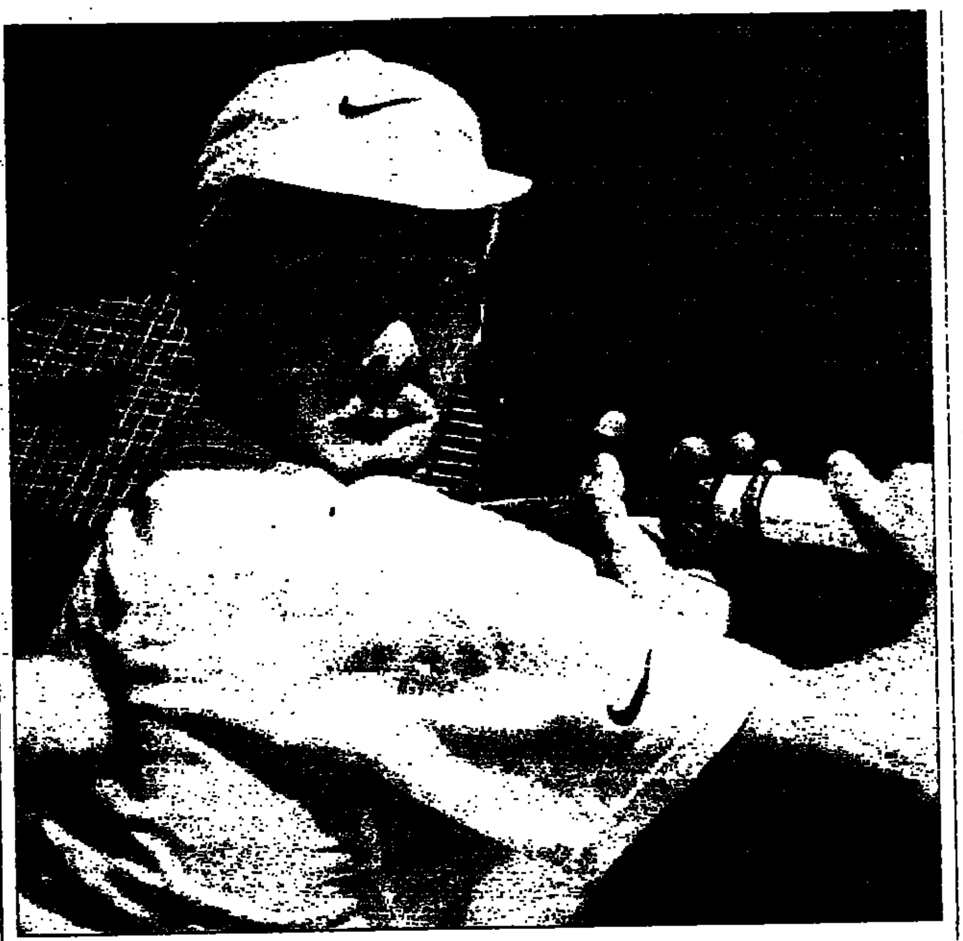
	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Leicestershire	2	2	0	0	4	42.50
Durham	3	2	1	0	4	20.77
Northants	2	1	1	0	2	-4.38
Notts	3	1	2	0	2	-13.07
Scotland	2	0	2	0	0	-60.28

Group C

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Kent	3	3	0	0	6	10.11
Surrey	3	2	1	0	4	16.44
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	4	13.21
Sussex	3	1	2	0	2	-2.54
British Univs	3	1	2	0	2	-26.38
Hampshire	3	0	3	0	0	-8.44

Group D

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Somerset	2	2	0	0	4	60.33
Essex	2	2	0	0	4	5.69
Glamorgan	3	1	2	0	2	-18.79
Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	-29.17
Middlesex	3	0	3	0	0	-8.00



Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion, announced yesterday that he is to retire because of a recurring shoulder injury. Stich, 28, aims to play until September, when he hopes to bow out by representing Germany against Mexico in the Davis Cup.

Hamed expects easy ride

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

THE fans of Naseem Hamed could be in for a special treat tonight. It all depends on the mood of the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) featherweight champion at the Nynex Arena, Manchester.

If he is feeling expansive he might decide to put on a show before dispatching Billy Hardy, of Sunderland, in a late round. If he is feeling mean, the bout could be over in two rounds. The decision could rest on how well Hamed has trained for a man who, on the face of it, appears to have nothing with which to overcome the champion.

Hamed said last week that he has trained harder for this bout than for the one against Don Johnson, from whom he took the IBF title in February. But rumour has it that he has not taken Hardy seriously and his training has been sloppy.

It is true that Hardy has neither the power, strength nor technique to cause too many problems and the most likely outcome is a stoppage in the third or fourth rounds. But it is hard to ignore the challenger's achievements. After a traumatic defeat in the heat of Laredo, Texas, at the hands of Orlando Canizales six years ago, everyone thought that he was finished. He came back to win the British, Commonwealth and European titles at featherweight.

Hardy has been practising moves to exploit Hamed's weaknesses" and predicted: "Naz's greatest asset is playing mind games with everybody. He won't get to me."

If everyone has written off Hardy, few dare predict who will win the bout between Robin Reid, the World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion from Runcorn, and Henry Wharton, of York. This could be the contest of the year.

If Reid sticks to his gameplan, he could win on points. But the scenario most likely to unfold is that, at some point, Reid, being young and strong, will forget himself and try to punch it out.

Wharton has a good chin, as he showed against Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank, and hits hard enough to stop Reid. A Wharton win in about the seventh round is the most likely outcome.

In a third world title bout, Steve Foster, from South Salford, challenges Ronald Wright, of the United States, for the WBO light-middleweight championship. Foster is a tough and determined challenger, but Wright should outpoint him comfortably.

EQUESTRIANISM

Grannusch sets an unbeatable target

From Jenny MacArthur in Gothenburg

JOHN WHITAKER'S Virtual Village Grannusch, who ably fulfilled his World Cup role on Thursday when he finished fifth in the opening speed leg, underlined his versatility yesterday with a win in the ICA Trophy, one of the non-World Cup events of the five-day meeting here.

Victory for the German-bred gelding, who has won £650,000 during his seven-year international career with Whitaker, came after a nail-biting 12-horse jump-off, in which Whitaker was drawn third. Belying his 18 years, Grannusch produced a lightning-fast clear round that none of the nine that followed could match.

Alvaro Neto, a member of the Brazil Olympic bronze medal-winning team in Atlanta, came closest on his grey mare, J Caroffna, finishing 0.6 seconds outside the winning time. Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the 1992 Olympic champion, went flat out on It's Me but took third place.

The win yesterday came less than 24 hours after Grannusch's brave performance in the opening speed leg of the World Cup — his main target here.

Whitaker, who will ride Welham for the remaining two legs, might have finished higher than fifth had Grannusch not lost his off-fore shoe as he approached the first fence. "It meant we lost our rhythm over the first four or five fences," he said.

Michael Whitaker, John's younger brother, who finished sixteenth, knew he could have gone faster on Ashley but decided not to risk it. "He's only nine and I didn't want to frighten him," Whitaker said. "He's never seen an arena like this before where the spectators are so close."

RESULTS: ICA Trophy: 1. Virtual Village Grannusch (J Whitaker, GB) 0 in 28 40. 2. J Caroltna (A Neto, Br) 0 in 29 00; 3. Sprehe It's Me (L Beerbaum, Ger) 0 in 29 13. Other British results: 24. Virtual Village Silk (M Whitaker) 8 in 63 04; 32. Virtual Village Niko (G Billington) 16 75 in 75 52

Low blow from down under

SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

MOTIVATIONAL section. Michael Atherton for the use of: "It is difficult to understand why England is still so widely regarded as a champagne series … Playing the beleaguered Pums is cheap and unfulfilling … There is litle challenge and hollow joy in beating an opponent who has forfeited all right to play in the same division … Seventeen Australian cricketers fortunate enough to spend the northern summer feasting on what should be relatively easy pickings, they had better make every ray of sunshine count." Malcolm Conn, in *The Australian*.

Worth backing

Greetings to Janet Benney, with her latest idea for raising money to help people with spinal injuries. Her book, *Rude and Ribald Raving Rhymes*, was considered too much for the Injured Jockey Association, so she did it for the Spinal Injuries Association instead. Now she has loaned Inspire Foundation a five-year-old mare called Elite de Bersy. Her syndicate pays the fees, all prize-money goes to Inspire. The beast runs in the 5.35 at Hereford today.

Watford drama

More on football's everlasting envy of art, or perhaps art's everlasting envy of football. A play about one man's demented love of Watford Football Club will open at the Palace Theatre, Watford, on May 30. It is called *Elton John's Glasses*, and it is by David Farr.

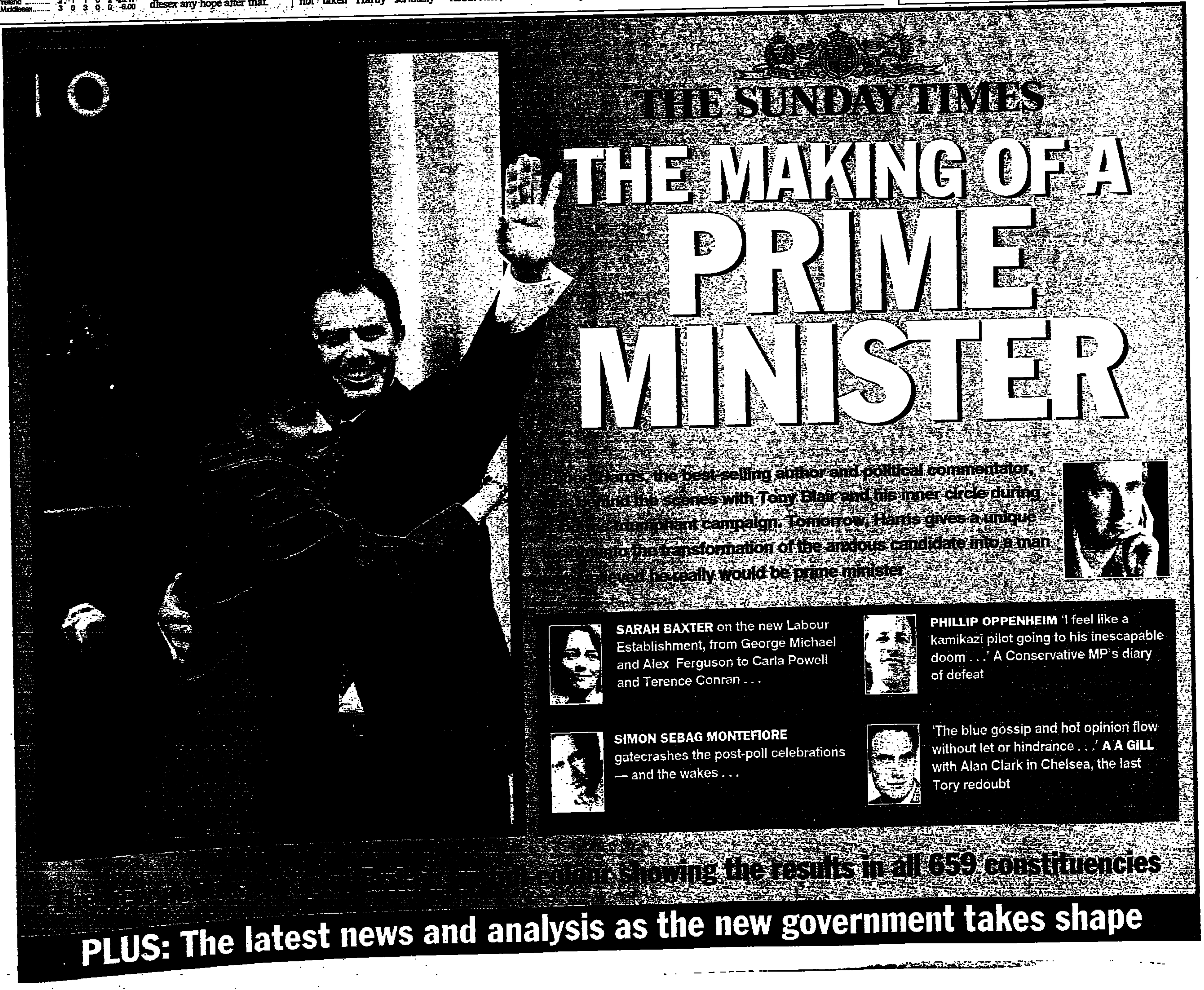
Unwise words

And now more on rude and ribald literataure. Oprah Winfrey finds that Dennis Rodman's autobiography is too much for her. Rodman, basketball player with Chicago Bulls, speaks about such mundane matters as his affair with a transexual, how he will only "date" white people because black people wouldn't date him before he was famous and how he plans to change his name to "Orgasm".

☐ *Meanwhile, Earl Woods, father of Tiger, claims that "had Tiger become a quarter-miler, he would be kicking Michael Johnson's behind". Johnson, clearly a follower of this column, responded: "Earl Woods says a lot of things that don't bear mentioning. Tiger Woods is a great competitor and a great athlete … I take that back. You don't have to be a great athlete to play golf."*

Kelly's eye

Sex and football is a dangerous combination. Kelly Flinn was the blue-eyed person of the United States Air Force until she was brought low by this lethal confusion. She is 26, a B52 bomber pilot, pin-up girl of the 23rd Bombardiers and a woman intended for still higher things. But all her life she has loved football, as in soccer. And she fell for a married coach named Mark Zigo. He told her he was planning to divorce his wife, but did not mention this to his wife, who then found out about the affair. Zigo first attempted suicide and then went public about the most intimate details of the whole business. Now Kelly is to be court-martialled, because she has "sullied aeronautics".



THE SUNDAY TIMES

THE MAKING OF A PRIME MINISTER

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Manchester United manager on brink of securing fourth Premiership title in five seasons

Ferguson faces late appointment with destiny

Ferguson: cautious

By David Maddock

FOOTBALL'S rapid progression from sport to a branch of the *entertainment industry* was never better illustrated than today, when the penultimate weekend of the FA Carling Premiership is spread across 8¾ hours to accommodate television's insatiable appetite for the game.

It will not matter to Manchester United, who will have one hand on the trophy by lunchtime if they defeat Leicester City at Filbert Street (kick-off 11.15), and both in place by 8pm should Liverpool then lose at home to Tottenham Hotspur tonight.

Alex Ferguson's fourth title in five seasons has seemed inevitable since the end of January, when his team regained the lead *during a run* of 16 unbeaten league matches that made a nonsense of talk of crises in the autumn. The championship of Europe remains beyond them for now, but, in the domestic game, United still have no peers.

True to form, though, Ferguson was taking nothing for granted yesterday. "It is a matter of common sense now and not getting carried away *with what we have achieved so* far," he said.

"We have been down this road so many times before and we know how difficult it is to win the championship. We must not let ourselves be distracted by the fact that people are saying we have already won the title. We still have to go on and win it and we are aware that we can lose it in a second. But we have three games left at home after this and if we get a good result at Leicester then it strengthens our position even more."

The prospect of United subsequently securing the title in front of their home crowd — a climax denied them since 1965 — was also not lost on Ferguson. "I don't care how we win it, although it would be very exciting to clinch it at Old Trafford," he said. "What matters is that we win it and I am sure that the fans will say the same."

Liverpool are seemingly consigned to contesting second place in the Premiership — and a berth in the Champions' League next season — *with Arsenal and* Newcastle United, who meet at Highbury this afternoon, but at Anfield yesterday thoughts had clearly turned away from Europe towards the search for a new leader on the pitch. John Barnes, the captain, will step aside at the end of the season and Roy Evans has been distracted by the need to find suitable replacements.

He has an impressive list of candidates. Liverpool have spoken already to Paul Ince, of Internazionale, and the manager is hoping to construct a solid backbone by also bringing *Jari Litmanen, the impressive* Ajax and Finland international forward, and Sol Campbell, Tottenham's England defender, to the club.

There has even been some campaigning on Campbell's behalf by the England trio at Liverpool. Jamie Redknapp, a friend of his, wrote in his column in a local newspaper yesterday that the centre half possessed the qualities that his side require if they are ever to lift the championship.

However, it seems that even the big issues at the top of the Premiership have now largely lost the interest of the public *given United's dominance,* and it is to the bottom end of the table that the country must look for drama this afternoon. With a week left of the campaign, any three from eight clubs could still be relegated and it is anyone's guess to the identities of the doomed trio.

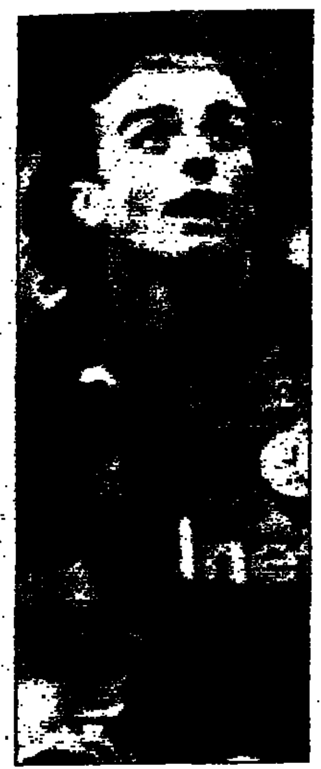
Middlesbrough have been weighed down by the expectation placed on their exotic imports and their efforts in recent weeks have clearly been affected by a congested fixture list, brought about by their exploits in both domestic cup competitions. It has turned into Bryan Robson's big theme in his campaign against the FA Premier League, but yesterday the manager changed tack slightly as he continued his criticism.

Robson has three injured goalkeepers. Mark Schwarzer, the first choice, has a stress fracture, and Gary Walsh underwent a cartilage operation, while Ben Cole, the young understudy, has a broken bone in his hand. It leaves Ben Roberts as the only contender to face Aston Villa today and even he is suffering from an injury.

"The Premier League have made the rule and we have to accept it but I would think that two broken bones and a cartilage op are reasonable grounds for special dispensation" Robson said.

"The players know what is at stake and they must go out and respond — no one wants to have relegation on their career record."

Middlesbrough are among the favourites to be relegated, as are Sunderland, who enter the final competitive game at their home stadium never more in need of help from the famous Roker Park roar. Peter Reid's side must beat Everton if they are to maintain any chance of escaping the drop and it will undoubtedly be an emotional afternoon both there and at the City Ground, where Nottingham Forest's fate is likely to be sealed.



Roberts: playing on

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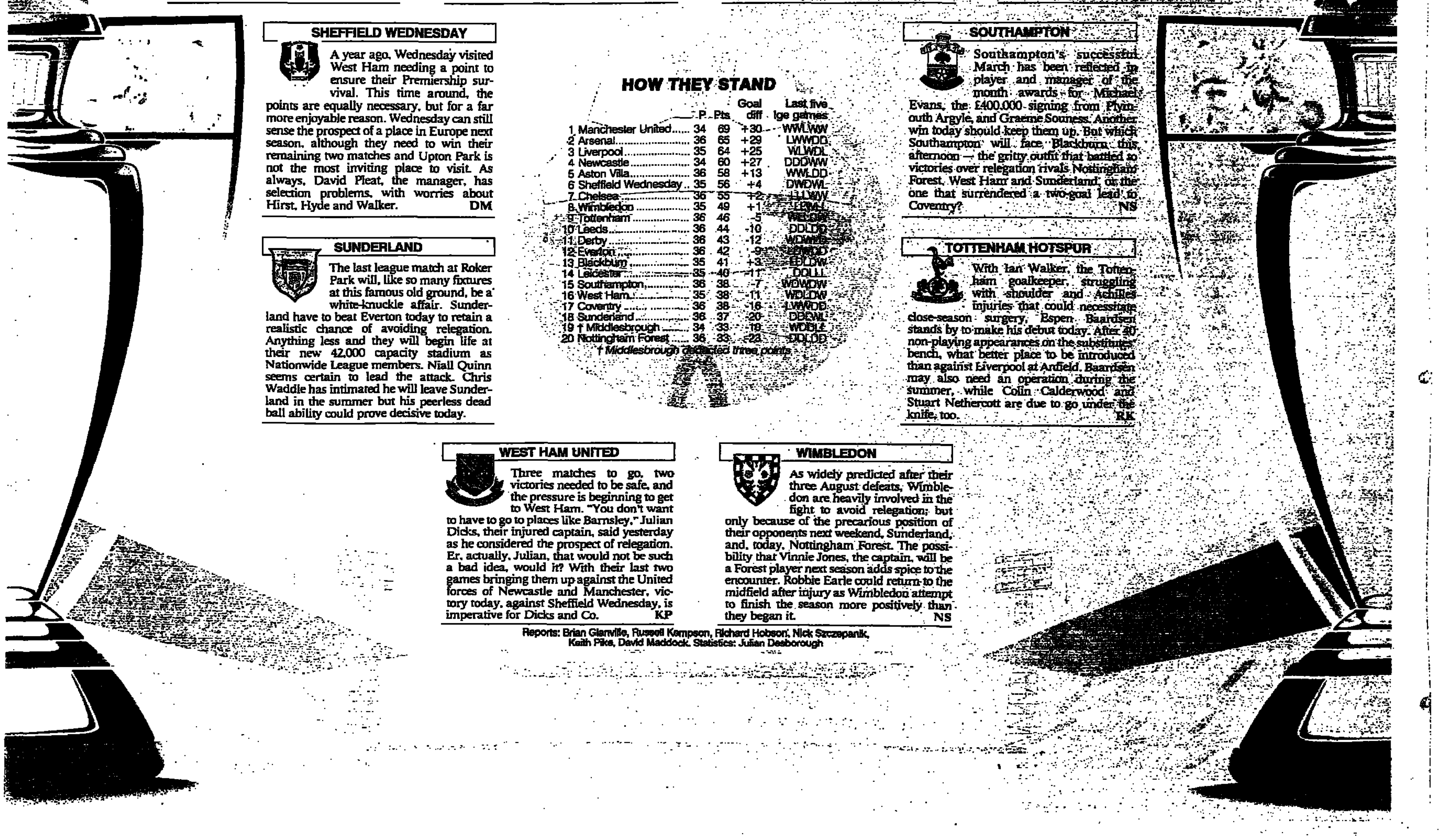

ARSENAL

An absolutely vital game for Arsenal if they aspire to second place in the Premiership, and thus squeeze their way into the European Champions' League next season. Lack of real drive down the wings and genuine invention in midfield may still hamper Arsenal even against a defence as doubtful as Newcastle's. The excellent form of Dennis Bergkamp, who scored twice for Holland against San Marino in a 6-0 win in midweek, must give them hope of victory. **BG**

ASTON VILLA

Steve Staunton and Andy Townsend, the Villa players, spent little time contemplating Ireland's valiant display in the World Cup qualifying defeat against Romania in Bucharest on Wednesday. They were whisked away from the Steaua Stadium, with Denis Irwin and Roy Keane, the Manchester United pair, and flown back to England the same evening by chartered jet. Villa and United wanted an early return for their prize assets and were happy to share the bill, estimated at £25,000. **RK**

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Paul Ince has managed to upset plenty of people this week, not least the good folk of Blackburn, who were most indignant when he described them as a second-rate club. Rovers had briefly emerged as favourites to sign the England midfield player when he returns this summer from Internazionale. Rovers will cast far and wide this summer in search of new players and Roy Hodgson, the incoming manager, has his eye on at least two players in the Italian league. **DM**

CHELSEA

It seems very unlikely that Chelsea will risk Gianfranco Zola, who came off in Naples six minutes into the second half of Italy's match against Poland, troubled again by the hamstring he pulled playing against Wimbledon. In a match that does not really matter, Chelsea will presumably give Vialli another run alongside Mark Hughes. The word is that Rangers now want to give Vialli, 32, a princely contract, and both he and Chelsea would be well advised to grab the money and run. **BG**

COVENTRY CITY

Steve Ogrizovic, the Coventry goalkeeper, cannot wait for the end of the season, and not only to escape the pressure of the club's perennial relegation scrap. Ogrizovic is a keen and talented cricketer — he once bowled Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, off a no-ball when playing for Shropshire — and wants to rejoin the seam attack of Coventry and North Warwicks as quickly as possible. "I hope to get in a few games before returning for pre-season training in July," he said. **RK**

DERBY COUNTY

Jim Smith, the manager, has dismissed reports that Dean Sturridge, the leading goalscorer, will leave during the summer. Indeed, the next transfer activity is likely to fall on the expenditure side of the *ledger, with Jonathan Hunt,* of Birmingham City, impressing in a recent trial. Poom may return in goal against Coventry this afternoon despite dislocating a finger playing for Estonia three days ago, but Wanchope and Solis are on World Cup duty for Costa Rica in El Salvador. **RH**

EVERTON

There will be some heavy hearts in the Everton camp if they inflict a defeat on Sunderland that would seriously endanger the North East club's hopes of Premiership survival. Peter Reid, the Sun*derland manager, is fondly remembered for* his playing feats at Goodison and will himself be keeping half an eye on the progress of the campaign to persuade Bobby Robson to swap Barcelona for Merseyside. Short is still absent with a neck injury and Unsworth is suspended.

LEEDS UNITED

After signing Molenaar from Holland and Laurent from France, George Graham, the manager, may look north, to Scandinavia, when he continues to rebuild over the summer. Who would have *thought, two years ago, that Tony Yeboah* would depart in that process? The Ghana international will leave Elland Road, possibly for Fenerbahçe in Turkey. Today, Graham's priority is to thwart foreign players when Leeds visit Chelsea. Beeney deputises for Martyn in goal. **RH**

LEICESTER CITY

Leicester have slipped belatedly into the form many anticipated during the pre-season, taking three points from six matches sandwiching their Coca-Cola Cup triumph. That is relegation standard and *Martin O'Neill, the manager,* believes his side still require two points to ensure safety. Although some of Leicester's most energetic performances have been reserved for more fancied opponents, they must be at their most enthusiastic to deny *Manchester* United at Filbert Street this morning. **RH**

LIVERPOOL

There is still the small matter of a place in the Champions' *League* to contest, but, not unnaturally, Liverpool seem more intent on looking towards the future after conceding defeat to Manchester United in the title race. Much interest today centres around John Barnes and his possible inclusion against Tottenham. Barnes was dropped from the 16 named to face Paris Saint-Germain, and if he is absent again today then it would be safe to say he will play no part next season. **DM**

MANCHESTER UNITED

With the FA Carling Premiership yet again within his grasp, one would have expected Alex Ferguson, the manager, to have had more than Frosties on his mind yesterday. But the subject of breakfast was virtually his only topic of conversation as he and his team prepared for an early morning kick-off at Leicester today. "We have to do it *right, so it* will be *cereal* and eggs, *beans* and toast and not the usual chicken and pasta," he said, still cautious about United's title hopes. **DM**

MIDDLESBROUGH

Although only half fit, Ben Roberts will definitely be patched up to play in goal against Aston Villa at the Riverside today. If Bryan Robson's men lose, they seem almost certain to be relegated and although they had FA Cup Final suits fitted on Thursday, all Robson would say was: "I can only think about *Villa. We've got to get three points.*" Emerson and Robbie Mustoe will want to avoid bookings that would force them to miss the final through suspension.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Two weeks ago, no one would have given a bean for Newcastle's chances of making the Champions' League. Now they have a real opportunity, especially since Tony Adams will be missing from the Arsenal line-up today. Kenny Dalglish, the manager, enjoys a first at Newcastle — a full squad to choose from — with long-term *absentees Howey and Albert returning.* Dalglish has performed a quiet revolution since taking over from Kevin Keegan, and Newcastle may yet take second place. **DM**

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Forest must beat Wimbledon this afternoon to avoid relegation. Even then, they must also beat Newcastle at St James' Park a week tomorrow and hope results elsewhere are favourable. "Everybody hopes there will be a miracle, but the realism is that we are going to get relegated," Dave Bassett, the general manager, *admitted. The post-mortem could* span the summer, although Stuart Pearce is likely to step down as manager sooner rather than later. **RH**

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

A year ago, Wednesday visited West Ham needing a point to ensure their Premiership survival. This time around, the points are equally necessary, but for a far more enjoyable reason. Wednesday can still sense the prospect of a place in Europe next season, although they need to win their remaining two matches and Upton Park is not the most inviting place to visit. As always, David Pleat, the manager, has selection problems, with worries about Hirst, Hyde and Walker. **DM**

SUNDERLAND

The last league match at Roker Park will, like so many fixtures at this famous old ground, be a white-knuckle affair. Sunderland have to beat Everton today to retain a realistic chance of avoiding relegation. Anything less and they will begin life at their new 42,000 capacity stadium as Nationwide League members. Niall Quinn seems certain to lead the attack. Chris Waddle has intimated he will leave Sunderland in the summer but his peerless dead ball ability could prove decisive today.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	Pts	Goal diff	Last five lge games
1 Manchester United	34	69	+30	WWLWW
2 Arsenal	36	65	+29	LWWDD
3 Liverpool	35	64	+25	WLWDL
4 Newcastle	34	60	+27	DDDWW
5 Aston Villa	36	58	+13	WWLDD
6 Sheffield Wednesday	35	56	+4	DWDWL
7 Chelsea	36	55	+2	LLLWW
8 Wimbledon	35	49	+1	[illegible]
9 Tottenham	36	46	-5	[illegible]
10 Leeds	36	44	-10	DDLDD
11 Derby	36	43	-12	[illegible]
12 Everton	36	42	-9	[illegible]
13 Blackburn	35	41	+3	LDLDW
14 Leicester	35	40	-11	DDLLL
15 Southampton	36	38	-7	WDWDW
16 West Ham	35	38	-11	WDLDW
17 Coventry	36	38	-16	LWWDD
18 Sunderland	36	37	-20	DDDWL
19 † Middlesbrough	34	33	-18	WDDLL
20 Nottingham Forest	36	33	-23	DDLDD

† Middlesbrough deducted three points

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton's successful March has been reflected in player and manager of the month awards for Michael Evans, the £400,000 signing from Plymouth Argyle, and Graeme Souness. Another win today should keep them up. But which Southampton will face Blackburn this afternoon — the gritty outfit that battled to victories over relegation rivals Nottingham Forest, West Ham and Sunderland, or the one that surrendered a two-goal lead to Coventry? **NS**

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

With Ian Walker, the Tottenham goalkeeper, struggling with shoulder and Achilles injuries that could necessitate close-season surgery, Espen Baardsen stands by to make his debut today. After 40 non-playing appearances on the substitutes' bench, what better place to be introduced than against Liverpool at Anfield. Baardsen may also need an operation during the summer, while Colin Calderwood and Stuart Nethercott are due to go under the knife, too. **RK**

WEST HAM UNITED

Three matches to go, two victories needed to be safe, and the pressure is beginning to get to West Ham. "You don't want to have to go to places like Barnsley," Julian Dicks, their injured captain, said yesterday as he considered the prospect of relegation. Er, actually, Julian, that would not be such a bad idea, would it? With their last two games bringing them up against the United forces of Newcastle and Manchester, victory today, against Sheffield Wednesday, is imperative for Dicks and Co. **KP**

WIMBLEDON

As widely predicted after their three August defeats, Wimbledon are heavily involved in the fight to avoid relegation; but only because of the precarious position of their opponents next weekend, Sunderland, and, today, Nottingham Forest. The possibility that Vinnie Jones, the captain, will be a Forest player next season adds spice to the encounter. Robbie Earle could return to the midfield after injury as Wimbledon attempt to finish the season more positively than they began it. **NS**

Reports: Brian Glanville, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Nick Szczepanik, Keith Pike, David Maddock. Statistics: Julian Desborough

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RUGBY UNION

Leicester seek to save season

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TWO matches in eight days against the same opponents will decide whether Leicester's season amounts to a success or a failure. That may be too harsh a judgment, given the changes that have occurred in the club's playing style and the consequent contribution they will make to senior touring parties this summer, but, should they fail in both, the sense of anticlimax will be almost tangible.

European and domestic league honours have already slipped from their grasp. Should they lose to Sale at Heywood Road today, then a place among Europe's elite next season will have gone too and should they lose to Sale at Twickenham in the Pilkington Cup final next Saturday, another season will have passed — like the last one — with no obvious reward for so much endeavour.

Losing is a habit that Leicester had largely avoided this season, with the glaring exception of the Heineken Cup final against Brive in January, until the collapse of the meanest defence in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship led to defeat in four of their past five league games. It is not a habit that a club with no private investor can afford, hence the return of their six British Isles players today.

Eric Miller and Will Greenwood must undergo late fitness checks, but, even with their presence, it will be hard to pick up the threads of the fluid and effective game that they last offered a month ago, against Wasps, the new league champions; particularly when Sale are the opposition. They have shrugged off the 80-point defeat by Bath as inconsequential, since they fielded an entire second XV, and all their injured players return, with the exception of John Fowler in the second row. Sale's own hopes of qualification for the Heineken Cup rest on this game too: should they win they will take the fourth and last qualifying place behind Wasps, Bath and Harlequins.

Paul Grayson ends an eight-week absence when he plays for Northampton against Gloucester and Bristol welcome back two Lions for the game with relegated West Hartlepool tomorrow. Simon Shaw and Mark Regan, who has not played since the England meeting with Wales in March, return for a game that is primarily a warm-up for the first leg of the play-off against Bedford next Wednesday, upon which hangs Bristol's first-division future.

Wasps go to Harlequins for their final league game with Gareth Rees at stand-off half instead of the injured Alex King, conscious that the Quins would love nothing better than a double over the champions. Rees will also occupy No 10 on May 24, against a World XV in the Sanyo Cup match at Twickenham: Wasps intend to fly him back from Hong Kong, where he is due to play for Canada in the Pacific Rim tournament that same week.

They are intent on giving a London crowd the opportunity to appreciate the league trophy and display their young talent, even though they will have lost Lawrence Dallaglio to the British Lions and six others to tours by England (to Argentina) and Ireland (to New Zealand). To that end, they intend to invite Mike Hall and Leigh Davies, the Cardiff midfield pair, to guest against the likes of Philippe Sella and David Campese in a match that will add £50,000 to their coffers.

The money is not to be sniffed at. Wasps get nothing for winning the league, beyond the sponsor's participation fee of £17,000 and an enhanced interest through the gate and in the bar. There is more money on offer at the Glenryck Henley sevens tournament tomorrow, when the winners — most likely the Fiji national team, led by Waisale Serevi — stand to take away £25,000.

Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens captain, in relaxed mood at Wembley yesterday before the Challenge Cup final against Bradford today. Photograph: Tim Dickinson

Brand deserves fanfare

FROM MEL WEBB IN BRESCIA

GORDON J BRAND has always been one of the more intriguing characters on the PGA European Tour. There cannot, after all, be too many men who have finished second in the Open Championship and also played the cornet in the Hammond Sauce Works Band. But the accomplishments of Brand, who ended the second round of the Italian Open here sharing second place, a shot off the lead, do not end there.

The Yorkshireman, 41, who had a 70 to go into the weekend level with Patrik Sjoland and Brian Davis on 138, six under par, a stroke behind Eduardo Romero, had his moment of glory in the Open when he was second to Greg Norman at Turnberry and also played in the 1983 Ryder Cup. In the Eighties he also combined professional golf with farming on the Yorkshire moors above Ilkley.

On that farm he had six cows, two horses and two dozen chickens, plus a flock of pigeons living in the barn and 20 wild cats that eventually had to be slipped a Mickey Finn and shipped out to the nearest cats' home.

Although the farm would never have made him rich, Brand was happy enough until the night his chicken stock was diluted by a lightning pre-emptive strike by a ravenous dog that sneaked in under the cover of darkness and ate 12 of them in one sitting. It was at that point that Brand realised that the birdies would always have to come before the eggs.

His rural idyll over, Brand has had to rely solely on his golf for his living in more recent years and it has not been easy for him. He always had one of the more idiosyncratic swings, a hesitation at the top of the backswing making him look if he had been caught in freeze-frame.

In the end his method betrayed him and after finishing 181st and 197th in the money-list in the past two years, he was forced to rebuild it completely with Peter Tupling, his coach, before scrapping for his playing rights against the bright young things at the tour qualifying school last autumn.

The pause has gone and what is left, although still not a thing of beauty, is at the very least serviceable. He had only two birdies yesterday, but there were no bogeys and he even survived a referee's warning about his pace of play with swing intact.

He does not know if that swing will hold up over the weekend — he is about to tread into territory that he has not explored for years. What he does know, however, is that what he has been doing for the last two days beats having half your chickens slaughtered by a canine raider.

LEADERS AFTER TWO ROUNDS (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 137: E Romero (Arg) 68, 69. 138: P Sjoland (Swe) 68, 70; G J Brand 68, 70; B Davis 68, 70. 139: J M Olazábal (Sp) 68, 71; P Quirici (Switz) 69, 70; D Clarke 70, 69; T Bjorn (Den) 69, 70; S Luna (Sp) 72, 67; R Jacquelin (Fr) 72, 67. 140: R Karlsson (Swe) 70, 70; B Langer (Ger) 71, 69; P Harrington 70, 70; A Canete (Arg) 73, 67; I Woosnam 67, 73; D Lee 71, 69; D Robertson 71, 69. 141: J Coceres (Arg) 68, 73; T Gogele (Ger) 70, 71; P Walton 71, 70; M Besanceney (Fr) 69, 72; N Fasth (Swe) 68, 73; M Gronberg (Swe) 72, 69; R Goosen (SA) 66, 75; R Burns 70, 71; R Lee 76, 65; M Mouland 70, 71; J Bickerton 71, 70.

IN BRIEF

Prean's recovery comes in time

CARL PREAN made dramatic progress in the first round of the men's singles at the world table tennis championships in Manchester yesterday but his fellow England players, Matthew Syed and Alex Perry, were both knocked out.

Prean, the former England national champion, beat Valentino Piacentini 21-11, 21-10, 21-23, 16-21, 21-18 but should have progressed much more smoothly, having led 17-4 in the third leg, before losing concentration. After dropping the fourth set, the Isle of Wight player trailed 8-4 in the decider before overcoming the young Italian.

Syed proved no match for He Zhi Wen, formerly a member of the China world championship squad but now a Spanish international, losing 21-14, 21-12, 21-14, while Perry was beaten 21-16, 21-19, 21-13 by Maxim Shmyrov, of Russia.

Hockey: The England women's team gained a second successive victory in the five nations' tournament in Vancouver yesterday, beating the hosts, Canada, 2-1, with goals from Jane Smith and Tina Cullen. England have a three-point lead at the halfway stage, having beaten both of their principal rivals. In the day's other match, Japan, England's next opponents, lost 1-0 to the United States.

Lacrosse: Wales's 9-5 World Cup victory over Scotland in Tokyo yesterday means that they will play England today in the round-robin stage and again tomorrow in the third-place play-off. England beat Japan 12-2 with Charlotte Richardson scoring four goals. The final tomorrow will be between Australia and the United States.

Football: Millwall Lionesses, the League Cup winners, attempt to complete a notable cup double at West Ham tomorrow when they take on Wembley in the FA Women's Cup final. Wembley will be hoping to produce another upset, having overcome Arsenal, the favourites, 1-0 in the semi-finals.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 2 Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 0 Los Angeles 5, Montreal 4 Houston 0, Pittsburgh 3 San Francisco 2, St Louis 3 Florida 2, New York 2 San Diego 7, Colorado 5 Chicago Cubs 4. **AMERICAN LEAGUE:** Cleveland 7 Oakland 1, Kansas City 6 Toronto 5, Minnesota 2 Baltimore 3. **Postponed:** Boston v Anaheim.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs. Eastern Conference: Orlando 99 Miami 91 (series tied at 2-2). **Western Conference:** Phoenix 116 Seattle 122 (series tied at 2-2).

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION. First division: Wimbledon 1 Portsmouth 0 (Wimbledon are champions).

Thursday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 1 Charlton 0. **VAUXHALL CONFERENCE:** Stevenage 4 Woking 1. **UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division:** Bamber Bridge 1 Bishop Auckland 2, Frickley 3 Colwyn Bay 4. **First division:** Worksop 2 Farsley Celtic 3. **President's Cup: Final, second leg:** Blyth Spartans 3 Runcorn 2 (Blyth win 4-2 on agg). **DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division:** Baldock 2 Gloucester 3, Salisbury 0 Dorchester 0, Sudbury 0 Gresley 2. **Midland division:** Shepshed Dynamo 0 Tamworth 3. **ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division:** Dag and Red 2 Chertsey 1. **Second division:** Barking 2 Wembley 2. **FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs, first leg:** Dundalk 2 Waterford 0. **AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION. First division:** Chelsea 0 Millwall 0, Luton 1 Brighton 1, Watford 0 Swindon 0. **PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division:** Derby 1 Oldham 0, Everton 0 Birmingham 0, Manchester Utd 0 Blackburn 0. **Second division:** Carlisle 0 Manchester City 1, Stockport 0 York 1. **LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division:** Cockfosters 0 Waltham Abbey 1. **WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division:** Cray 1 Furness 4, Greenwich 2 [illegible] 0. **JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division:** Watton 0 Soham 3, Wisbech 4 Halstead 0. **MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier divison:** Welwyn Garden 1 Bedford 1. **EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group two:** Italy 1 Poland 1 (in Benevento).

GOLF

WOODLANDS, Texas. Houston Open: Leading first-round scores (United States unless stated): **65:** D Duval. **67:** C Strange. **68:** P Blackmar, K Sutherland, G Waite (Aus), H Sutton, J Morse. **69:** F Couples, S Elkington (Aus), F Funk, L Roberts, D Ogrin, D Bergamo, M Brooks. **70:** J Kelly, W Wood. **71:** C Parry (Aus), V Singh (Fiji), L Clements, L Rinker, D Edwards, E Henninger, J Haas, R Freeman, S Kendall, T Kite, N Lancaster, J Leonard.

TOGO, Japan: Chunichi Crowns tournament: Leaders after two rounds (Japan unless stated): 132: B Watts (US) 67, 65; T Teshima 62, 70. 134: G Norman (Aus) 66, 68; K Murota 69, 65; M Ozaki 67, 67; F Takami 67, 67.

HOCKEY

VANCOUVER: Women's five-nation tournament: Canada 1 Ireland 0, United States 0 England 1, United States 1 Japan 0, Canada 1 England 2.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A (at Helsinki): France 2 Germany 1. **Pool B** (at Turku): Italy 2 Norway 2.

LACROSSE

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Japan 2 England 12; Canada 3 United States 12; Wales 9 Scotland 5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

UXBRIDGE. Representative match: RAF 19 The Army 26.

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 70 Warrington 6.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Sheffield 63 Edinburgh 27.

TABLE TENNIS

G-MEX CENTRE. Manchester World championships (selected results): **Men. Singles: Preliminary first round:** G Clarke (Scot) bt S Jenkins (Wales) 17-21, 21-11, 21-7, 21-15; T Ledesma (Phi) bt G Herbert (Eng) 9-21, 21-17, 14-21, 21-17, 21-11; F Sprickel (Eng) bt A Robertson (Wales) 21-7, 21-12, 21-13; Yang Chao-Ming (Taiwan) bt [illegible] (Ire) 21-9, 21-7, 21-13; D Blake (Eng) bt D Tsarenco (China) 21-14, 21-16, 21-12; E Ward (Wales) bt Ho Shun Hao [illegible] 21-7, 21-14, 21-12; E Billington (Eng) wo F Kalunga (Zam); T Hodzic (Bos) bt E Weaver (Scot) 21-15, 21-15, 23-21; C [illegible] (Ire) bt F Rodriguez (Uru) 21-7, 21-6, 21-13. **Second round:** A Perry (Eng) bt A de Leon (Guatemala) 21-16, 21-14, 21-13; A Eden (Eng) bt J [illegible] (Kuwait) 21-5, 21-10, 21-9; Cheng Yuan-Su (Taiwan) bt G [illegible] (Scot) 21-10, 21-10, 21-10; R Jenkins (Wales) bt T Young (Eng) 21-15, 15-21, 21-6, 10-21, 26-24; A Smirnov (Russ) bt J Cowan (Ire) 21-17, 21-7, 21-4; D Blake (Eng) bt A Jumaa (Tanz) 21-13, 21-11, 21-11; E Billington (Eng) bt M Rissanen (Fin) 22-20, 23-21, 21-9; A Abdulrahman (Qatar) bt G Clarke (Scot) 21-22, 21-12, 11-21, 21-17, 21-15; V Nekhvedovich (Bel) bt R Robson (Scot) 21-15, 21-8, 22-20; S Ward (Wales) bt Ui Ian Heng (Macao) 21-12, 21-9, 21-12; C Slevin (Ire) bt S Petrov (Est) 21-7, 21-15, 21-16. **Third round** (winners qualify for main draw): A Perry (Eng) bt S Dias (Egypt) 21-17, 21-9, 21-14; V Sanchez (Sp) bt A Eden (Eng) 21-18, 14-21, 21-15, 21-19; A Smirnov (Russ) bt R Jenkins (Wales) 21-13, 21-16, 21-10. **Women: Singles: Preliminary first round:** L Radford (Eng) bt G Perez (P Rico) 21-11, 21-12, 16-21, 21-14; F Goncalves (Por) bt T Davies (Eng) 21-19, 17-21, 17-21, 21-16, 21-16; A Ngodoka (Tanz) bt H Dorman (Scot) 21-23, 21-10, 16-21, 21-15, 21-9; T Bollard (Wales) bt L Brown (Scot) 21-8, 21-8, 21-10; N Deaton (Eng) bt D Chernuber (Switz) 21-19, 21-11, 21-12; D Davies (Wales) wo Y Edwards (Trin) scr. **Second round:** B Daunton (Wales) bt S Hurry (Scot) 21-14, 21-18, 21-10; A Fialova (Slovakia) bt L Robb (Scot) 21-11, 21-10, 21-4; K Nieminen (Fin) bt G Schwartz (Eng) 21-14, 21-18, 22-24, 21-19; R Stibikova (Cz) bt L Radford (Eng) 21-14, 21-6, 23-21; P Hazaburn (India) bt H Lower (Eng) 13-21, 21-16, 21-19, 16-21, 21-12; S Perez (Sp) bt C Anderson (Scot) 21-19, 21-12, 21-18; Z Sieradzki (Ire) bt T Bollard (Ire) 21-16, 21-14, 21-19; Deaton bt Davies 21-16, 21-14, 21-12. **Third round** (winners qualify for main draw): Daunton bt Nieminen 21-15, 21-9, 22-20; N Deaton (Eng) bt Ding Yan (Ir) 21-19, 21-19, 21-17.

TENNIS

ATLANTA: Men's tournament: Second round: M Norman (Swe) bt A Agassi (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; F Meligeni (Br) bt D van Scheppingen (Holl) 6-3, 7-6; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J A Viloca (Sp) 6-1, 7-5; P Korda (Cz) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

MUNICH: Men's tournament: Second round: A Gaudenzi (It) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Rosset (Switz) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 7-5, 2-6, 6-1; F Fetterlein (Den) bt M Gollner (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; S Dosedel (Cz) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; M Sinner (Ger) bt M Charpentier (Arg) 6-2, 4-1 ret. **Quarter-finals:** Philippoussis bt Gaudenzi 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; Dosedel bt Fetterlein 7-6, 6-4; Corretja bt Sinner 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; Rosset bt C Moya (Sp) 7-5, 7-6.

PRAGUE: Men's tournament: Second round: M Craca (Ger) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 7-6, 6-4; M Rios (Chile) bt S Simian (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; F Santoro (Fr) bt G Kuerten (Br) 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; E Alvarez (Sp) bt C Costa (Sp) 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. **Quarter-finals:** Santoro bt Rios 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt A Portas (Sp) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Alvarez bt Craca 6-3, 7-5; C Pioline (Fr) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Second round: M Sanchez Lorenzo (Sp) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 6-2, 6-1; B Schett (Austria) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-4, 7-6; M Pierce (Fr) bt P Suarez (Arg) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; A-G Sidot (Fr) bt O Lugina (Ukr) 6-3, 6-3; I Majoli (Cro) bt M Serna (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; R Dragomir (Rom) bt F Labat (Arg) 7-5, 6-3. **Quarter-finals:** Sidot bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Majoli bt Pierce 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Dragomir bt Schett 6-1, 7-5; Sanchez Lorenzo bt C Martinez (Sp) 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

HATFIELD: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: Second round: A Belobragdic (Aus) bt R Lavergne (Fr) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; D Sapsford (GB) bt V Snyman (SA) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Weinzierl (Ger) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; J Chauvin (Fr) bt P Hand (GB) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. **Quarter-finals:** Sapsford bt J Delgado (GB) 6-3, 6-1; Weinzierl bt Chauvin 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; Belobragdic bt A Strambini (Switz) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Lee (GB) bt M Maclagan (GB) 6-3, 6-3. **Women: Quarter-final:** C Taylor (GB) bt L Latimer (GB) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. **Semi-finals:** E Ahl (GB) bt Taylor 6-3, 6-2; S-A Siddall (GB) bt J Ward (GB) 6-2, 6-4.

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(-) Arsenal v Newcastle
(1) Chelsea v Leeds
(2) Coventry v Derby
(-) Leicester v Manchester Utd (11.15)
(-) Liverpool v Tottenham (6.15)
(3) Middlesbrough v Aston Villa
(4) Nottingham Forest v Wimbledon
(5) * Southampton v Blackburn
(6) Sunderland v Everton
(7) West Ham v Sheffield Wednesday

Nationwide League
First division
(-) Manchester City v Reading

Second division
(8) Brentford v Peterborough
(9) Bristol Rovers v Rotherham
(10) Burnley v Watford
(11) Bury v Millwall
(12) Chesterfield v Notts County
(13) Gillingham v Shrewsbury
(14) Luton v Stockport
(15) Plymouth v Bournemouth
(16) Preston v Walsall
(17) Wrexham v Blackpool
(18) Wycombe v Bristol City
(19) York v Crewe

Third division
(20) Barnet v Colchester
(21) * Cambridge Utd v Fulham
(22) Carlisle v Exeter
(23) Chester v Leyton Orient
(24) Darlington v Cardiff
(25) Doncaster v Torquay
(26) Hereford v Brighton
(27) Hull v Scarborough
(28) Lincoln v Rochdale
(29) Northampton v Scunthorpe
(30) Swansea v Hartlepool
(31) Wigan v Mansfield

Vauxhall Conference
(—) Bath v Northwich
(—) Bromsgrove v Welling
(—) Dover v Hednesford
(32) Farnborough v Telford
(—) Gateshead v Kidderminster
(—) Halifax v Stevenage
(—) Kettering v Macclesfield
(—) Rushden & Diamonds v Altrincham
(—) Southport v Hayes
(—) Stalybridge v Slough
(—) Woking v Morecambe

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
(33) Aberdeen v Raith
(34) Dundee Utd v Hearts
(35) Dunfermline v Kilmarnock

First division
(36) East Fife v Airdrie
(37) Greenock Morton v Dundee
(38) Partick v Falkirk
(39) St Johnstone v St Mirren
(40) Stirling v Clydebank

Second division
(41) Ayr v Brechin
(42) Clyde v Hamilton
(43) Dumbarton v Queen of South
(44) Livingston v Stranraer
(45) Stenhousemuir v Berwick

Third division
(46) Arbroath v Alloa
(47) Inverness CT v Forfar
(48) Montrose v Cowdenbeath
(49) Queen's Park v Ross County

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Sudbury Tn; Burton Albion v *Cheltenham*; Chelmsford v Worcester City; Dorchester v Ashford; Gloucester v Salisbury; Halesowen v Nuneaton; King's Lynn v Gravesend and Northfleet; Merthyr v Cambridge City; Newport AFC v Hastings; Sittingbourne v Gresley.

***UNIBOND LEAGUE:* Premier division:** Alfreton v Blyth Spartans; Boston v Bishop Auckland; Buxton v Chorley; Emley v Witton; Gainsborough v Hyde; Guiseley v Runcorn; Lancaster v Colwyn Bay; Leek v Barrow; Marine v Spennymoor.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Dulwich; Boreham Wood v Oxford City; Bromley v St Albans; Carshalton v Bishop's Stortford; Dagenham and Redbridge v Sutton United; Grays v Enfield; Harrow v Purfleet; Hitchin v Heybridge; Kingstonian v Yeading; Staines v Hendon; Yeovil v Chertsey.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Harlequins v Wasps
London Irish v Orrell
Northampton v Gloucester
Sale v Leicester
Saracens v Bath

SECOND DIVISION: Wakefield v Coventry; Waterloo v London Scottish. **Third division:** Exeter v Reading; Harrogate v Otley; Havant v London Welsh; Leeds v Liverpool St Helens; Lydney v Fylde; Redruth v Clifton; Walsall v Morley; *Wharfedale v Rosslyn Park.* **Fourth division north:** Kendal v Aspatria; Lichfield v Winnington Park; Preston Grasshoppers v Sandal. **Fourth division south:** Berry Hill v Tabard; High Wycombe v Camberley; *Metropolitan Police v Cheltenham*; Newbury v Askeans.

RFU INTERMEDIATE CUP: Final: Doncaster v Thanet Wanderers (at Twickenham).

RFU JUNIOR CUP: Final: Crewe and Nantwich v Harpenden (at Twickenham, 1.0).

Welsh League
First division
Bridgend v Pontypridd (5.25)
Cardiff v Caerphilly (2.30)
Dunvant v Newport (2.30)
Neath v Swansea (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Final
Bradford v St Helens
(at Wembley, 2.45)

SILK CUT PLATE: Final: Hull Kingston Rovers v Hunslet (at Wembley, 12.15)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): Frankfurt v Scottish Claymores (7.0)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Championship Semi-finals: Chester v Leopards (6.45), London v Sheffield (8.45) (at Wembley Arena)

BOXING: International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship: Naseem Hamed (Sheffield, holder) v Billy Hardy (Sunderland). World Boxing Council super-middleweight *championship: Robin Reid (Runcorn, holder)* v Henry Wharton (York). World Boxing Organisation light-middleweight championship: Ronald Wright (US, holder) v Steve Foster (Salford) (at Nynex Arena, Manchester)

GOLF: *Lytham Trophy (at Royal Lytham),* Berkshire Trophy (at The Berkshire)

HOCKEY: Inter-League Champions play-off: Edgbaston v Loughborough Students (at the Stadium, Milton Keynes, 2.15)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v King's Lynn (7.30), Eastbourne v Coventry (7.30), Swindon v Wolverhampton (7.30). Premier League Cup: Berwick v Sheffield (7.0), Stoke v Hull (7.30)

SQUASH: Super League Cup: Semi-finals: *Dunraven Muesley v Ellis Lingfield (1.0)*, Rowlands Manchester v ICL Lionhearts (5.0) (at Lingfield Squash and Leisure Club)

HOVE: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH. Lord's: first day of two: MCC v Wales

Tomorrow

FOOTBALL

** denotes all-ticket match*

Nationwide League
First division
Bradford v Queens Park Rangers (1.30)
Charlton v Sheffield Utd (1.30)
Crystal Palace v Port Vale (1.30)
Grimsby v Southend (1.30)
Huddersfield v Swindon (1.30)
Ipswich v Birmingham (1.30)
Oldham v Norwich (1.30)
* Oxford Utd v Barnsley (1.30)
Stoke v West Bromwich (1.30)
Tranmere v Bolton (1.30)
Wolverhampton v Portsmouth (1.30)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Hibernian v Celtic (3.0)

UK LIVING FA WOMEN'S CUP: *Final:* Millwall v Wembley (at Upton Park, 3.0)

CRICKET

Axa Life League
2.0, 40 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Lancashire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Middlesex
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Yorkshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey
TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bristol v West Hartlepool (3.0)

SECOND DIVISION: Newcastle v Rotherham (3.0)

Welsh League
First division
Ebbw Vale v Treorchy (2.30)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): London Monarchs v Barcelona (at Stamford Bridge, 3.0)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Championship Final (at Wembley Arena, 6.45)

GOLF: Lytham Trophy (at Royal Lytham), Berkshire Trophy (at The Berkshire)

HOCKEY: County championship: A division: Sussex v Surrey (10.0), Cheshire v Lancashire (12.0). Final (4.15) (at the Stadium, Milton Keynes)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League Cup: Glasgow v Newcastle (6.30). Premier League: Newport v Exeter (2.30)

SQUASH: Super League Cup: Final (at Lingfield Squash and Leisure Club, 2.0)

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4/1 LEICESTER 12/5 DRAW MAN. UTD. 8/13
Filbert Street, Kick-off 11.15am, Live on Sky.

CORRECT SCORE

10/1 LEICESTER 1-0	13/2 MAN. UTD. 1-0
16/1 LEICESTER 2-1	15/2 MAN. UTD. 2-1
6/1 DRAW 1-1	10/1 MAN. UTD. 3-1

Other scores on request.

FIRST GOALSCORER

9/2 SOLKSJAER (M)	10/1 BECKHAM (M)
11/2 CANTONA (M)	11/1 MARSHALL (L)
8/1 CLARIDGE (L)	14/1 GIGGS (M)

Own goals do not count. Other players on request.

1/3 LIVERPOOL 10/3 DRAW TOTTENHAM 13/2
Anfield, Kick-off 6.15pm, Live on Sky.

CORRECT SCORE

10/1 LIVERPOOL 1-0	12/1 DRAW 0-0
9/1 LIVERPOOL 2-1	12/1 TOTTENHAM 1-0
28/1 LIVERPOOL 3-2	25/1 TOTTENHAM 2-1

Other scores on request.

FIRST GOALSCORER

7/2 COLLYMORE (L)	14/1 ANDERTON (T)
7/1 McMANAMAN (L)	14/1 REDKNAPP (L)
7/1 SHERINGHAM (T)	25/1 WRIGHT (L)

Own goals do not count. Other players on request.

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RACING: STOUTE-TRAINED COLT CAN JUSTIFY TALL REPUTATION IN SEASON'S FIRST CLASSIC

Entrepreneur to prove sound investment

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THROW away the form book and rely on simple logic to find the winner of the Pertemps 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket this afternoon.

Michael Stoute has won the two main trials for the season's first classic with Desert Story, who defied a group penalty in the Craven Stakes, and Yalaietanee in the Greenham Stakes. Yet both those smart colts are considered inferior at home to Entrepreneur, who is unraced this term.

The logical conclusion to be drawn is that Entrepreneur can be expected to step up considerably on the useful form he showed as a two-year-old and provide Stoute with his third success in the race after the victories of Shadeed in 1985 and Doyoun in 1988.

Of course, it can prove *dangerous to be sucked in* by hype about horses. And if half the rumours about the Sadler's Wells colt are true backers could be forgiven for believing he is another Pegasus.

Stoute is the last trainer to overrate his animals but he has always held this horse in particularly high regard. "I have made no secret of the fact that Entrepreneur is a horse that has always excited me. He is brimful of promise."

It is also significant that Stoute decided to target the Derby favourite for the 2,000 Guineas when he could easily have gone to Sandown last Saturday for the Thresher Classic Trial or waited for the Dante Stakes at York before going to Epsom. He obviously hopes that Entrepreneur has the ability to emulate *Nashwan, winner of the* 2,000 Guineas and Derby in 1989.

To emphasise the point, Yalaietanee runs in the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp next weekend after his defeat of Revoque at Newbury, while Michael Kinane is deserting Desert Story, whom he rode at Newmarket, to partner Entrepreneur.

The exploits of Desert Story and Yalaietanee mean Stoute should know exactly where he stands against the likes of Hidden Meadow, the European Free Handicap winner, and Revoque, the Greenham Stakes runner-up. Both can be expected to improve from their first run this term, particularly Robert Sangster's Revoque, who sparkled in a gallop at Newbury recently.

Godolphin won this race last year with Mark Of Esteem but the once-raced *Shamikh, winner of the* Chesham Stakes, must show enormous improvement to feature here and looks poor value at around 5-1.

Putra's two races as a juvenile deserve close inspection. The Paul Cole-trained colt beat Benny The Dip on his debut by 3½ lengths, which represents decent form, before landing the Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, where *he had the likes of Sahm,* Grapeshot and Air Express in his wake.

Zamindar, trained by André Fabre, was beaten by Revoque at Longchamp last autumn when he paid the price for a suicidal duel for the early lead with The West. Now that Zafonic's full-brother has learnt to settle, he may pose the biggest threat to the selection and represents excellent each-way value. I also expect Starborough to run better than his odds indicate.

My idea of the finish is: 1, **Entrepreneur;** 2, **Desert Story;** 3, **Zamindar.**

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ENTREPRENEUR
(3.40 Newmarket)
Next best: Another Time
(3.00 Newmarket)

Nap: PAS DE REPONSE
(3.45 Newmarket tomorrow)
Next best: Swiss Law
(2.00 Newmarket tomorrow)

STEPHEN DAVIES

Entrepreneur makes his seasonal debut in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket today

BIG RACE LINE-UP

3.40 PERTEMPS 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O: £131,832: 1m) (16 runners)

401	(9)	41-3	CAPE CROSS 16 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 *(b c Green Desert - Park Appeal) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)*	O Peslier	92
402	(12)	1221-1	DESERT STORY 16 (CD,F,S) (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 *(b c Green Desert - Alysa) (Blue, white chevron, light blue cap)*	R Cochrane	96
403	(4)	411-	ENTREPRENEUR 220 (D,G) (M Tabor) M Stoute 9-0 *(b c Sadler's Wells - Exclusive Order) (Blue, orange disc, striped sleeves and cap)*	M J Kinane	86
404	(2)	6-1	GREEN CARD 24 (D,F) (P Chu) S Woods 9-0 *(b c Green Dancer - Dunkellin) (Yellow, emerald green sleeves, red armlets and cap)*	W Ryan	73
405	(13)	513-1	HIDDEN MEADOW 17 (C,D,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 *(b c Selkirk - Spurned) (White, emerald green hoop)*	M Hills	96
406	(16)	3212-3	MUCHEA 14 (C,F,G,S) (Albion Investments) M Channon 9-0 *(ch c Shalford - Bargouzine) (Green, red epaulets and sleeves)*	R Hughes	94
407	(8)	512-	MUSICAL PURSUIT 197 (F) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 9-0 *(b c Pursuit Of Love - Gay Music) (Green and white, sleeves reversed, blue cap)*	K Fallon	90
408	(1)	12-1	POTEEN 18 (C,G,S) (Lord Vestey) L Cumani 9-0 *(b c Irish River - Chateaubrook) (Blue, white striped sleeves)*	Pat Eddery	90
409	(10)	11-	PUTRA 278 (F) (A Shah) P Cole 9-0 *(ch c Dixie Brass - Otaiba) (Yellow, black sash, white sleeves, black and white cap)*	T Quinn	89
410	(7)	1111-2	REVOQUE 14 (D,BF,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 *(b c Fairy King - La Bella Fontana) (Green, blue sleeves, white cap with green spots)*	J Reid	[illegible]
411	(5)	1-	SHAMIKH 317 (F) (H al-Maktoum) S Bin Suroor 9-0 *(b c Unfuwain - Narjis) (Blue, white epaulets, striped cap)*	L Dettori	80
412	(11)	2213-0	SHII-TAKE 16 (F) (C Batt) R Akehurst 9-0 *(b c Deploy - Super Sally) (White, red chevron, white sleeves, blue stars, white cap)*	S Sanders	86
413	(15)	134-1	STARBOROUGH 14 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 *(ch c Soviet Star - Flamenco Wave) (Maroon, white sleeves, white cap)*	K Darley	95
414	(6)	1-	TYCOON TODD 240 (G) (Godolphin) S Bin Suroor 9-0 *(gr c Cozzene - Thirty Below) (Royal blue)*	B Doyle	81
415	(14)	51-2	ZA-IM 18 (S) (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 *(b c Green Desert - Al Bahathri) (Blue, white epaulets, black cap)*	R Hills	84
416	(3)	1123-	ZAMINDAR 230 (BF,G,S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 *(b c Gone West - Zaizafon) (Green, pink epaulets, white sleeve, pink cap)*	T Jarnet	98

BETTING: 4-1 Revoque, Entrepreneur, 9-2 Shamikh, 7-1 Hidden Meadow, 10-1 Putra, 12-1 Poteen, 14-1 Desert Story, Zamindar, Cape Cross, 20-1 Musical Pursuit, 40-1 Green Card, Starborough, 50-1 Muchea, Za-Im, Tycoon Todd, 200-1 Shii-Take.

1996: MARK OF ESTEEM 9-0 L Dettori (8-1) S Bin Suroor 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT STORY beat Grapeshot ¾l in 8-runner group III City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with CAPE CROSS (3lb worse off) head 3rd and SHII-TAKE (3lb worse off) about 3¾l 7th. ENTREPRENEUR completed double, beat Kharir 2½l in 4-runner conditions race at Chester (7f 122yd, good). GREEN CARD beat Crystal Gold 4l in 16-runner maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm). HIDDEN MEADOW beat Granny's Pet 5l in 11-runner listed handicap here (7f, good). MUSICAL PURSUIT head 2nd of 8 to In Command in group I Dewhurst Stakes here (7f, good). POTEEN beat ZA-IM neck in 5-runner conditions race here (7f, good). PUTRA completed double, beat SAHM (later disqualified) ½l in 8-runner group II Laurent Perrier Champagne Vintage Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). REVOQUE head 2nd of 6 to Yalaietanee in group III Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury (7f, good to firm) with MUCHEA 2l 3rd. SHAMIKH beat State Fair 1l in 12-runner listed race at Ascot (7f, good to firm).
STARBOROUGH beat Intidab 2l in 3-runner conditions race at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). TYCOON TODD beat Harry Wolton 2½l in 16-runner maiden at York (6f, good). ZAMINDAR neck 2nd of 5 to Bahamian Bounty in group I Prix Morny Piaget at Deauville (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: REVOQUE (nap)

Hever Golf Rose ready to bloom

NEWMARKET

CHANNEL 4

3.00 Another Time, fourth in last year's Cambridgeshire, recorded a career best effort when winning on his seasonal reappearance at Pontefract. That victory came over a mile, but he is arguably better over today's longer trip and can oblige. Hoh Express is well weighted *but looked far from enthusiastic* at Epsom ten days ago and Najm Mubeen, a *winner over course and distance* on his reappearance last year, is a bigger threat.

3.40: See above.

4.15 Hever Golf Rose holds outstanding claims judged on her form last year, when regularly placed in group one company. Beaten a length by Rambling Bear in the King George Stakes at Goodwood last summer, she reopposes on 13lb better terms and must go well. Rambling Bear ran pleasingly when sixth to Monaassib here 18 days ago, while To The Roof recorded his best effort in a fast-run race at Newbury, recently when *just pipped by Repertory.*

4.50: Mr Bergerac, runner-*up in the Ayr Gold Cup last* year, ran well behind Repertory on his reappearance before being badly drawn at Sandown last time. Both efforts were over the minimum trip and today's extra furlong will suit. In a wide-open race, Denbrae, Oggi and Perryston View have claims.

RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK

BBC1

1.10: Noble Colours had every chance when falling at the last at Cheltenham recently, and should not be inconvenienced by today's half-mile shorter trip. However, he may not be able to cope with the progressive **Kinnescash.** Peter Bowen's versatile gelding won on the Flat at Leicester last weekend, and looks well treated back over hurdles.

1.40: Pridwell has more ability than these, but is far from certain to use it. Preference is for **Conquering Leader.** She fell in the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham, but a repeat of her earlier second to *Pharanear should suffice.*

2.10: Dreams End ran the *race of his life when a close* sixth in a group three race on the Flat last month, and his subsequent outing over hurdles at Ayr can be ignored as he hit the front much too early. Given a more patient ride, he can complete a double for Bowen. Tom Brodie and Kaitak look best of the remainder.

ROBERT WRIGHT

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.00 Street General
2.30 Festival Flyer
3.00 Najm Mubeen
3.45 **ZAMINDAR** (nap)
4.20 Sylva Paradise
4.50 Stylish Ways
5.20 Forest Buck

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.20 **GERMANO.**

*Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 **POTEEN** (nap). 5.20 Germano.*

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
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2.00 CULFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,666: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

101	(4)	11-	WINDSOR CASTLE 201 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-5	T Quinn	90
102	(2)	15	SINGLE EMPIRE 14 (F) (A Collins) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	88
103	(1)	2-1	STREET GENERAL 18 (CD,G) (L Gaucci) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	[illegible]
104	(5)	4-	BOLD DEMAND 176 (BF) (Godolphin) S Bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	81
105	(7)	3	REDBRIDGE 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	O Peslier	95
106	(6)		BEVIER (S Manana) C Brittain 8-8	B Doyle	–
107	(3)		*SUN ALERT (K Leal) M Polglase 8-3*	*M Roberts*	–

BETTING: 2-1 Street General, 3-1 Bold Demand, Windsor Castle, Single Empire, 7-1 Redbridge, 16-1 others.

1996: DUSHYANTOR 9-0 Pat Eddery (Evens fav) H Cecil 3 ran

2.30 MAYER PARRY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,425: 5f) (9 runners)

201	(8)	0	BATSWING 7 (R Withers) M Meade 9-0	J Reid	–
202	(7)		BODYGUARD (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
203	(9)		CHARLIES LAD (M & G Hill) R Guest 9-0	P Bloomfield	–
204	(3)		COUNSEL (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
205	(5)		DISTINCT VINTAGE (E Nagell-Erichsen) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
206	(1)		FESTIVAL FLYER (Mrs J Root) R Boss 9-0	L Dettori	–
207	(2)		LEGS BE FRENDLY (BABK Racing) K McAuliffe 9-0	R Hughes	–
208	(4)	0	LIVINGSTONE 42 (Select Newmarket Ptns) C Dwyer 9-0	K Fallon	–
209	(6)	0	NGAERE PRINCESS 8 (Drakemyre Racing) W Kemp 8-9	Pat Eddery	–

BETTING: 15-8 Bodyguard, 9-2 Festival Flyer, 6-1 Counsel, Distinct Vintage, 7-1 Charlies Lad, 12-1 others.

1996: ABOU ZOUZ 9-0 L Dettori (11-10 fav) D Loder 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre (Fr)	5	15	33.3	Pat Eddery	102	497	20.5
B Palling	4	12	33.3	L Dettori	68	482	14.1
S Bin Suroor	12	47	25.5	M J Kinane	18	128	14.1
H Cecil	61	247	24.7	T Sprake	6	45	13.3
D Loder	21	120	17.5	K Fallon	16	139	11.5

3.00 TORCH MOTOR POLICIES AT LLOYDS RATED HANDICAP C4
(£8,954: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301	(4)	52001-	CLAN BEN 193 (B,F,S) (A Dundee) H Cecil 5-9-7	K Fallon	94
302	(7)	5210-0	UNITUS 14 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-7	J Reid	88
303	*(2)*	*10/12-*	*NAJM MUBEEN 189 (CD,BF,F,G) (A al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-4*	*M Roberts*	*92*
304	(8)	2030-1	ROMIOS 33 (D,F,G,S) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-9-2	T Quinn	[illegible]
305	(5)	0040-4	THE DILETTANTI 10 (G) (Duke Of Devonshire) J Toller 4-9-0	S Sanders	95
306	(9)	304-00	HOH EXPRESS 10 (BF,G) (D Allport) I Balding 5-9-0	L Dettori	98
307	(6)	0345-1	ANOTHER TIME 11 (D,F,G) (Pertemps Ltd) S Woods 5-8-12	D Biggs	97
308	(1)	4135-0	FORZA FIGLIO 14 (G) (Grid Racing) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	89
309	(3)	01000-	MANALOJ 209 (F) (M al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 4-8-8	Dane O'Neill	86

BETTING: 11-4 Clan Ben, 3-1 Najm Mubeen, 4-1 Romios, 13-2 Another Time, 10-1 Unitus, 12-1 others.

1996: BALL GOWN 6-8-4 D R McCabe (12-1) D Thom 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLAN BEN beat Welton Arsenal 1¼l in 13-runner conditions race at Chepstow (1m, soft). NAJM MUBEEN 2l 2nd to Wilcuma in Newbury handicap (1m 1f, soft).
ROMIOS beat Secret Aly neck in Kempton handicap (1m 2f, good to firm). THE DILETTANTI 6¾l 4th of 13 to Major Change in Epsom handicap (1m 2f, good). ANOTHER TIME beat Courtship 1l in Pontefract handicap (1m, good to firm). FORZA FIGLIO 11l 8th to Hunters Of Brora in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CLAN BEN

3.40 PERTEMPS 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O: £131,832: 1m) (16 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

4.15 DUBAI RACING CLUB PALACE HOUSE STAKES C4
(Group III: £19,884: 5f) (13 runners)

501	(5)	1300-6	RAMBLING BEAR 18 (D,F,G) (M Hill) M Blanshard 4-9-1	R Cochrane	90
502	(3)	0140-1	BOLSHOI 28 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 5-8-12	Emma O'Gorman	97
503	(6)	4342-3	BRAVE EDGE 28 (D,BF,F,G) (Homs Vale Ptns) R Hannon 6-8-12	Pat Eddery	85
504	(7)	53120-	CROFT POOL 175 (CD,F,G) (Countrywide Classics) J Glover 6-8-12	G Carter	87
505	*(1)*	*0001-0*	*MIDNIGHT ESCAPE 15 (CD,F,G) (M Ayers) C Wall 4-8-12*	*N Carlisle*	*79*
506	(8)	02P4-3	SYLVA PARADISE 18 (F,S) (E Grimstead) C Brittain 4-8-12	B Doyle	91
507	(13)	0022-2	TO THE ROOF 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-8-12	K Fallon	88
508	(4)	0230-0	AMAZING BAY 15 (D,F) (Lady Halifax) I Balding 4-8-9	T Quinn	81
509	(10)	4233-6	HEVER GOLF ROSE 17 (D,F,G,S) (Hever Racing) T Naughton 6-8-9	S Sanders	[illegible]
510	(2)	3350-6	DEEP FINESSE 35 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Sims) M Jarvis 3-8-5	M Roberts	86
511	(11)	1-	CLEVER CAPTION 256 (D,G) (Godolphin) S Bin Suroor 3-8-3	R Hills	84
512	(12)	2155-1	SUPERIOR PREMIUM 35 (D,S) (J Parsons) R Fahey 3-8-3	A Culhane	81
513	(9)	1402-0	CONNEMARA 18 (D,G) (A Halouki) C Dwyer 3-8-0	J Quinn	83

BETTING: 3-1 Clever Caption, 7-1 Hever Golf Rose, Bolshoi, Sylva Paradise, Superior Premium, 10-1 others.

1996: COOL JAZZ 5-9-1 M J Kinane (16-1) C Brittain 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SYLVA PARADISE 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Monaassib in listed race here (6f, good) with RAMBLING BEAR (3lb better off) 1¼l 6th.
TO THE ROOF short-head 2nd of 20 to Repertory in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm). HEVER GOLF ROSE about 4l 6th of 10 to Farhana in listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (5f 110yd, good). CLEVER CAPTION beat Head Over Heels ½l in 6-runner listed race at Deauville (5f, good). SUPERIOR PREMIUM beat Myrmidon 1¾l in 8-runner listed race at Haydock (5f, soft).
Selection: TO THE ROOF

4.50 LADBROKES HANDICAP C4
(£27,195: 6f) (30 runners)

601	(28)	560-00	HELLO MISTER 7 (D,F,G,S) (B Ritten) T Powell 6-10-0	P McCabe (3)	88
602	(8)	00302-	TOP BANANA 184 (C,D,F,G) (H Candy) H Candy 6-10-0	L James (7)	91
603	*(29)*	*054-00*	*WARNING TIME 15 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) B Meehan 4-9-10*	*R Hughes*	*96*
604	(23)	000/6-	MASTER PLANNER 354 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9-8	D Biggs	–
605	(1)	00-325	SEA-DEER 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 8-9-4	Pat Eddery	92
606	(16)	02330-	BAJAN ROSE 179 (D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 5-9-4	R Cochrane	91
607	(2)	/5210-	MALLIA 308 (D,G) (H Duddle) T Barron 4-9-4	K Darley	90
608	(13)	0/1-	SANDABAR 382 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-3	J Reid	88
609	(18)	54205-	GALINE 211 (CD,BF,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-9-3	Emma O'Gorman	90
610	(22)	000-00	MR BERGERAC 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Jolan) B Palling 6-9-1	T Sprake	93
611	(20)	3020-0	WHITE EMIR 15 (F,S) (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 4-9-1	O Peslier	91
612	(27)	1530-1	LORD OLIVIER 10 (D,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 7-9-0	T Quinn	96
613	(10)	1301-1	OGGI 7 (D,F,G,S) (Skyline Racing) P Makin 6-9-0	M Roberts	93
614	(17)	245-43	BLUE GOBLIN 18 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-13	L Dettori	99
615	(3)	30-000	SIR JOEY 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 8-8-13	K Fallon	98
616	*(24)*	*00-110*	*ANTONIAS MELODY 73 (D,BF,G,S) S Bowring 4-8-12*	*S Webster*	*89*
617	(4)	2305-1	FRENCH GRIT 24 (D,F) (M Wilson) M Dods 5-8-12	A Clark	86
618	(5)	04000-	PERRYSTON VIEW 213 (CD,F,G,S) P Calver 5-8-11	M J Kinane	92
619	(26)	340-14	ZARETSKI 35 (F) (B Voak) C Brittain 3-8-10	B Doyle	93
620	(14)	/600-2	LUNAR MIST 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Barratt) M Meade 4-8-10	R Havlin (3)	88
621	(19)	25200-	INDIAN RELATIVE 194 (D,F) (V Mattye) R Guest 4-8-9	D Griffiths (3)	90
622	(12)	30400-	KIND OF LIGHT 177 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Mills) R Guest 4-8-9	P Bloomfield	92
623	(7)	1120-5	SHARP HAT 18 (D,F,G) (J Smith) R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill	86
624	(6)	40-051	FIRST MAITE 7 (B,D,G) (S Bowring) S Bowring 4-8-5	G Carter	90
625	(15)	0050-3	DENBRAE 33 (D,F,G) (M Mellersh) D Murray Smith 5-8-5	S Sanders	91
626	(21)	0-0400	SO INTREPID 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-8-4	R Ffrench (5)	98
627	(30)	0000-5	STYLISH WAYS 23 (D,G,S) (I Hall) J Pearce 5-8-2	J Lowe	[illegible]
628	(25)	10240-	THWAAB 179 (V,D,F) (J Blythe) F Watson 5-8-1	J Quinn	92
629	*(9)*	*/0013-*	*SHINING CLOUD 212 (D,BF,F) (Mrs A Yearley) M Bell 4-8-1*	*R Mullen (5)*	*87*
630	(11)	3200-0	AEGEAN SOUND 16 (D,G) (Theobalds Stud) H Akbary 3-7-12	Jo Hunnam (7)	82

BETTING: 8-1 Oggi, 10-1 Lord Olivier, 12-1 Top Banana, Sea-Deer, Sandabar, Blue Goblin, 14-1 French Grit, Sharp Hat, 20-1 others.

1996: JAYANNPEE 5-8-11 L Dettori (14-1) I Balding 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA-DEER ¾l 5th of 20 to Repertory in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm). BAJAN ROSE 3¾l 3rd to The Puzzler in handicap at Newbury (6f, soft) penultimate start. MALLIA beat Pleading short-head in handicap at York (6f, good) penultimate start. *LORD OLIVIER* beat Selhurstpark Flyer head in handicap at Epsom (6f, good). OGGI beat Knotty Hill 1¾l in handicap at Leicester (6f, good to soft). BLUE GOBLIN 2l 3rd of 20 to Summer Queen in handicap here (7f, good). FRENCH GRIT beat Kira 1¾l in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm). ZARETSKI beat Tilla Rufio ¾l in maiden at Doncaster (7f, *good to firm*) penultimate start.
Selection: SEA-DEER

5.20 NGK SPARK PLUGS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,014: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	41401-	PRINCE OF ANDROS 147 (D,F,G,S) (S Dung Wing) C Wall 7-9-10	J Reid	88
2	(5)	51211-	WILCUMA 151 (D,F,G,S) (T Warner) P Makin 6-9-5	Pat Eddery	89
3	(6)	1/13-	FOREST BUCK 197 (D,BF,F,G) (Buckram Oak) H Cecil 4-9-3	K Fallon	93
4	(3)	/540-2	GERMANO 33 (F) (G Von Ullmann) G Wragg 4-8-10	M Hills	[illegible]
5	(2)	15-	GOLDEN ACE 340 (S) (G Teo) R Hannon 4-8-10	Dane O'Neill	80
6	(1)	30000-	HENRY THE FIFTH 149 (S) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-10	B Doyle	91

BETTING: 6-4 Prince Of Andros, 4-1 Wilcuma, Forest Buck, Germano, 20-1 Golden Ace, Henry The Fifth.

1996: FLORID 5-8-10 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.10 Noble Colours
1.40 Pridwell
2.10 Dreams End
2.45 Storm Dust
3.15 Country Lover
3.50 Sharpical

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 CROWTHER HOMES HELL NOOK FOUR YEARS OLD HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1
(4-Y-O: £8,863: 2m) (10 runners)

1	201	MELT THE CLOUDS 33 (B,F) (Promo-Sherring Ltd) M Pipe 11-11	A P McCoy	95
2	10411	SHU GAA 14 (B,CD,G,S) (Ali K Al Jafleh) O Sherwood 11-10	J Osborne	94
3	302211	KINNESCASH 7F (D,F) (D James) P Bowen 11-6	M A Fitzgerald	96
4	033012	SEATTLE ALLEY 12F (D,BF,F) (L & P Partnership) P Webber 11-3	J A McCarthy	98
5	106222	FAIRLY SHARP 21 (D,F) (Ms C Bray) Graeme Roe 11-1	R Dunwoody	95
6	611F03	DOUBLE AGENT 8 (D,F,G) (Hertford Offset Ltd) J Howard Johnson 11-0	A S Smith	95
7	D0331F	NOBLE COLOURS 18 (G) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-7	Mr R Thornton (3)	[illegible]
8	2133	CLASH OF SWORDS 14 (D,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 10-6	L Wyer	98
9	4FU	TIUTCHEV 31 (The Lets Poloa Partnership) Miss H Knight 10-5	J Culloty	90
10	6405	GO WITH THE WIND 33 (A Chadwick) C Weedon 10-2	D J Moffatt	91

BETTING: 5-2 Melt The Clouds, 4-1 Kinnescash, 9-2 Shu Gaa, 6-1 Noble Colours, 8-1 Seattle Alley, 10-1 Fairly Sharp, 12-1 others.

1996: FORESTAL 10-0 Mr J Jukes (16-1) S Griffiths 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MELT THE CLOUDS beat White Plains 7l in 3-runner Newton Abbot novice hurdle (2m 1f, firm). SHU GAA beat Meltemison 2l in 7-runner Ayr handicap hurdle (2m, good) with CLASH OF SWORDS (3lb better) 5l 3rd. KINNESCASH beat Break The Rules 2l in 9-runner Chepstow novice hurdle (2m 110yd, firm). FAIRLY SHARP 2½l 2nd of 7 to John Drumm in Ascot novice handicap hurdle at (2m 110yd, good to firm). DOUBLE AGENT 4l 3rd of 7 to Brecon in Perth novice hurdle (2m 110yd, good). NOBLE COLOURS beat SEATTLE ALLEY (4lb better) 4l in 7-runner Hereford novice hurdle (2m 1f, good) on last completed outing. TIUTCHEV 15l 4th of 16 to FitzwilRam in Warwick novice hurdle (2m, good to firm).
Selection: SEATTLE ALLEY

1.40 CROWTHER HOMES LONG DISTANCE HURDLE BBC1
(£8,525: 3m 7f 110yd) (4 runners)

1	*300212*	*PRIDWELL 11 (F,G,S) (Jones, Bostock and Fleet Part'ship) M Pipe 7-11-0*	*A P McCoy*	[illegible]
2	322-020	ROMANCER 51 (F,G) (M Archer & Miss J Broadhurst) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0	C Llewellyn	82
3	5-11224	YAHMI 29 (BF,G) (W Stott) J Old 7-11-0	J Osborne	84
4	21-2F2F	CONQUERING LEADER 51 (G,S) (Mrs R Proctor) N Henderson 8-10-9	M A Fitzgerald	95

BETTING: 5-4 Pridwell, 11-4 Conquering Leader, 7-2 Yahmi, 5-1 Romancer

1996: TREASURE AGAIN 7-11-0 D Bridgwater (9-2) Mrs M Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRIDWELL 1½l 2nd of 4 to Ashwell Boy in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to firm). ROMANCER 18l 16th of 20 to Barna Boy in County Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good). YAHMI 19l 4th of 12 to Forest Ivory in Belle Epoque Sefton Novice Hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good). CONQUERING LEADER 2l 2nd of 10 to Pharanear in Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good) last completed outing.
Selection: CONQUERING LEADER

2.10 CROWTHER HOMES SWINTON HANDICAP HURDLE BBC1
(Grade III: £23,198: 2m) (19 runners)

1	061035	DREAMS END 14 (CD,F,G,S) (T Price) P Bowen 9-12-0	L Aspell (3)	92
2	2015-00	STOMPIN 28 (B,D,G,S) (M Broughton) Miss H Knight 6-11-11	J Culloty	90
3	06-2200	MASTER BEVELED 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 7-11-10	R Garritty	97
4	5-F0312	SHANKAR 10 (D,G,S) (International Plywood Plc) D Nicholson 6-11-9	Mr R Thornton (3)	[illegible]
5	1F-F163	EDELWEIS DU MOULIN 14 (D,G,S) (R Ogden) G Richards 5-11-7	R Dunwoody	94
6	106166	KADASTROF 14 (D,G,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 7-11-7	X Aizpuru (5)	90
7	433641	BARNA BOY 51 (G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 9-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	93
8	4PF261	ASHWELL BOY 11 (D,F,G,S) (A S Racing) P Hobbs 6-11-6	B Powell	90
9	1-605R0	TRAGIC HERO 29 (B,CD,G,S) (Knight Hawks Partnership) M Pipe 5-11-6	C F Swan	90
10	300130	EXPRESS GIFT 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Reveley 8-11-5	P Niven	93
11	411124	INGLETONIAN 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs H MacTaggart) B Mactaggart 8-11-1	B Storey	97
12	144230	TOM BRODIE 51 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Bird) J Howard Johnson 7-10-13	A S Smith	93
13	13316	GREEN GREEN DESERT 30 (D,F,G) (D Mercer) O Sherwood 6-10-11	J Osborne	88
14	4-11111	NORTHERN STARLIGHT 18 (D,F,G) (A Souch) M Pipe 6-10-10	A P McCoy	95
15	310121	STAR SELECTION 7F (D,S) (R Mitchell) J Mackie 6-10-8	E Husband (3)	95
16	132U30	NORDIC BREEZE 30 (D,F) (M Jones) M Pipe 5-10-6	C Maude	98
17	304420	KAITAK 14F (CD,G) (C Murphy) J Carr 6-10-2	F Leahy (3)	96
18	FFF111	MONNAIE FORTE 8 (D,F,G,S) (J Adam) J Adam 7-10-0	R McGrath (5)	95
19	143F24	MISTER RM 30 (D,F,G,S) (F Mills & Mr W Mills) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0	C Llewellyn	92

Long handicap: Mister RM 9-13

BETTING: 5-1 Shankar, 7-1 Edelweis Du Moulin, 8-1 Barna Boy, Northern Starlight, 9-1 Star Selection, 10-1 Green Green Desert, Ashwell Boy, 12-1 Dreams End, 14-1 others.

1996: TRAGIC HERO 4-10-9 D Bridgwater (9-1) M Pipe 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHANKAR 4l 2nd to Lady Daisy in Punchestown handicap hurdle (2m, good). EDELWEIS DU MOULIN 8l 3rd to Shadow Leader in Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) with INGLETONIAN (6lb better) 2½l 4th, DREAMS END 3l 5th, KADASTROF short-head 6th, MASTER BEVELED (1lb better) 4½l 9th and EXPRESS GIFT (2lb better) 4l 11th. BARNA BOY beat Carlito Brigante 1l in County Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with TOM BRODIE (6lb better) 5½l 7th and STOMPIN (6lb better) 16½l 18th. NORTHERN STARLIGHT completed five-timer, beat Kiwi Crystal 5l in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, firm). MONNAIE FORTE completed treble, beat Danjoshan 1¼l in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m, good to firm). MISTER RM 15l 4th to Midnight Legend in novice hurdle at Aintree (2m, good) with GREEN GREEN DESERT (11lb worse) dist 6th and NORDIC BREEZE (6lb worse) dist 7th.
Selection: NORTHERN STARLIGHT

2.45 CROWTHER HOMES NEW FLORIDA HANDICAP HURDLE
(£5,047: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1	*3F4500*	*HOME COUNTIES 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Rory Cinemas (Dalton)) D Moffatt 8-11-12*	*D J Moffatt*	*98*
2	011122	SHERIFFMUIR 14 (D,S) (J W Wadham) Mrs L Wadham 8-11-10	J Osborne	97
3	66/0-510	BRAVE TORNADO 30 (D,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-11-10	A P McCoy	94
4	3-220FP	SUIVEZ 8 (F,G,S) (A Pastel) Mrs N Macauley 7-11-2	M A Fitzgerald	98
5	/00/61	STORM DUST 105 (F,G,S) (R Sangster Tice) Miss H Knight 8-10-8	Mr R Thornton (3)	91
6	*213122*	*DURANO 10 (BF,G,S) (C Stevens) T Easterby 6-10-7*	*R Garritty*	*93*
7	4-50054	MOVING OUT 49 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Brasher) Miss H Knight 9-10-6	J Culloty	97
8	065202	ELATION 9 (B,F,G) (R Tyrer) G Richards 5-10-2	R Dunwoody	94
9	2FF350	RADANPOUR 10 (G) (T Pollock) J Howard Johnson 5-10-1	A S Smith	[illegible]
10	230006	DIWALI DANCER 33 (C,D,G,S) (B Case) M Pipe 7-10-1	C Maude	95

BETTING: 7-2 Storm Dust, 9-2 Sheriffmuir, 5-1 Durano, 6-1 Brave Tornado, 8-1 Moving Out, Elation, 12-1 others.

1996: TULLYMURRY TOFF 5-10-4 L Wyer (4-1 fav) J Jefferson 10 ran

3.15 CROWTHER HOMES EDGE GREEN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,015: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1	441111	COUNTRY LOVER 4 (V,D,F) (Pond House Gold) M Pipe 6-12-0	A P McCoy	98
2	F0-1420	BRUMON 8 (B,S) (M Flynn) D Moffatt 6-11-6	D J Moffatt	87
3	P0U0-40	*TUDOR TOWN 75 (P Purdy) R Bishop 9-11-2*	*S Burrough*	71
4		TEN MORE SINGHAS (P Hollinshead) A Streeter 7-10-12	T Eley	–
5	50031P	JESSOLLE 8 (F) (C Fleet) G Richards 5-10-10	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
6	000	RECRUITMENT 70 (D Clayton) J Turner 4-10-8	R Supple	69
7	004114	SOUSSE 14 (G) (Wensleydale Racing Partnership) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-5	G Lee	90

BETTING: 8-11 Country Lover, 4-1 Sousse, 5-1 Jessolle, 6-1 Brumon, 16-1 Tudor Town, 33-1 others

1996: TONYS GIFT 4-10-7 D Bridgwater (4-6 fav) M Pipe 6 ran

3.50 CROWTHER HOMES DOCK LANE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,004: 2m) (5 runners)

1	31	RIPARIUS 31 (D,G) (Mrs D Blackburn) P Webber 6-11-7	J Osborne	84
2	1212F	SHARPICAL 11 (D,G,S) (Thurloe Thoroughbreds II) N Henderson 5-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	[illegible]
3	32213P	SMOLENSK 53 (F) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 5-11-4	R Dunwoody	87
4	2-0043	MOON DEVIL 31 (Sir Colin Southgate) M Carrigan 7-11-0	B Powell	77
5	5/	TARRAGON 728 (B Holt) O Sherwood 7-11-0	J A McCarthy	–

BETTING: 4-9 Sharpical, 5-1 Riparius, 7-1 Tarragon, 10-1 Smolensk, 20-1 Moon Devil

1996: DREAM RIDE 6-11-7 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) D Nicholson 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	33	114	28.9	R Dunwoody	24	81	29.6
J Old	3	11	27.3	M A Fitzgerald	5	20	25.0
N Twiston-Davies	17	70	24.3	R Supple	4	16	25.0
D Nicholson	12	50	24.0	C Llewellyn	13	53	24.5

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RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Doncaster (first race, 2.20), Haydock Park (2.00), Kempton Park (C4, 2.10), Newcastle (2.25), Warwick (2.15), Exeter (2.00), Fontwell Park (2.00), Ludlow (2.30), Southwell (2.30), Towcester (2.20)

TUESDAY: Brighton (2.25), Chester (C4, 2.10), Doncaster (Sky, 6.00), Wincanton (Sky, 5.45)

WEDNESDAY: Chester (C4, 2.10), Chepstow (2.25), Uttoxeter (Sky, 5.50), Wetherby (Sky, 6.05)

THURSDAY: Chester (C4, 2.10), Hamilton Park (2.00), Southwell (AW, 2.20)

FRIDAY: Carlisle (2.10), Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50), Nottingham (Sky, 6.00), Sedgefield (2.00), Stratford (Sky, 6.10)

SATURDAY: Beverley (2.15), Lingfield Park (BBC, 2.00), Hexham (2.20), Newton Abbot (Sky, 6.05), Warwick (Sky, 5.20), Worcester (2.10)

SUNDAY: Bath (2.00), Beverley (2.20), *Wolverhampton (AW, mixed, 2.10)*

Flat meetings in bold

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.05 (7f) 1, GREEN JEWEL (Dane O'Neill, 14-1), 2, Speedball (L Dettori, 8-1); 3, Just Nick (D Harrison, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Triple Hay (5th), 5 Alphabet, 13-2 Baritone, Summer Queen (6th), 9 Kaiser Kache (4th), 11 Tal-Y-Llyn, *16 Danetime,* 25 Ivory Dawn, 33 Maladerie. 12 ran. Nk, ¾l, sh hd, sh hd, 1¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £20.50; £4.40, £2.90, £2.10. DF: £102.40. Trio: £229.60. CSF: £114.68. Tricast: £570.50. 1min 26.64sec.

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, SANDSTONE (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Haltarra (L Dettori, 11-10 fav); 3, Musical Dancer (K Fallon, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Royal Crusade (6th), 13-2 Desert Horizon (4th), 20 Spartan Royale (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 2½l, 3l, 16l, dist. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £8.90; £2.90, £1.40. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.27. 2min 05.23sec.

3.10 (1m 4f) 1, TIME ALLOWED (J Reid, 13-2); 2, Busy Flight (M Hills, 5-1); 3, Mons (J Weaver, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Luso (5th), 11-2 Kutta, 6 Tulipa, 10 *Celeric (4th), 11 Sacrament, 14 Semraan* (6th), 33 Persian Punch. 10 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 2½l, 1¾l, sh hd. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £2.20, £2.20, £2.70. DF: £21.50. Trio: £70.60. CSF: £34.78. 2min 29.15sec.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (C Lowther, 7-1), 2, Sharp Consul (C Rutter, 20-1); 3, Fern's Governor (G Carter, 8-1); 4, Over To You (O Peslier, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Purchasing Power, 7 Virtual Reality, 8 Ashby Hill (6th), Invermark, 10 Blurred, 12 Bay Of Islands (5th), 16 Jean Pierre, Serendipity, 20 Raise A Prince, 25 *Edan Heights, Harvey White, 33 Waltz.* 16 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 1l, sh hd, hd. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote: £8.60; £2.10, £4.80, £2.00, £3.10. DF: £127.00. Trio: £391.70. CSF: £138.93. Tricast: £1,072.27. 2min 05.14sec.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, BALALAIKA (L Dettori, 10-11 fav); 2, Taamista (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 3, Medieval Lady (R Cochrane, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hunters Of Brora (4th), 9 Blessed Spirit (6th), 50 Defined Feature, Woodren (5th). 7 ran. 1¾l, hd, sh hd, 1¾l, nk. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £4.40. CSF: £6.30. 1min 51.81sec.

4.50 (7f) 1, JAFN (R Hills, 5-4 fav); 2, Fonteyn (M Roberts, 33-1); 3, Alikhlas (T Sprake, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Kazzranga (4th), 13-2 Khawafi (5th), 8 *Sugar Plum, 25 Sang d'Antibes, Zest (6th).* 33 Millpet. 9 ran. Hd, sh hd, 3½l, 3l, 4l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £4.80, £2.20. DF: £57.20. Trio: £69.40. CSF: £53.96. 1min 27.73sec.

5.20 (1m) 1, MYTHICAL (G Duffield, Evens); 2, Zahir (L Dettori, 10-11 fav). 2 ran. 8l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80

Jackpot: £59,228.30 (0.30 winning tickets; pool of £58,389.22 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £279.50. Quadpot: £33.00.

2.45 (1m) 1, MURRAY GREY (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Dictation (J Fortune, 9-1); 3, Who's That Man (K Darley, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Serape, 6 Generous Present, Music Express, 12 Chinour, Running Green (4th), 16 Northern Fan (5th), 20 Willie Miles, 25 Lady Silk, The Tig, 33 Mystic Times, 50 Energy Man (6th). 14 ran. ½l, nk, 1l, 2½l, 1l. *E Weymes at Leyburn.* Tote: £9.30; £2.50, £3.80, £1.10. DF: £41.10. Trio: £265.10 (part won; pool of £48.55 carried forward to 3.40 at Newmarket today). CSF: £85.47.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, BABY JANE (P Bloomfield, 1-4 fav); 2, Tycoon Tina (P Fessey, 14-1); 3, Basheth (K Darley, 7-2). 3 ran. 4l, dist. R Guest at Newmarket. Tote: £1.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £3.95.

3.55 (5f) 1, THEATRE OF DREAMS (J F Egan, Evens fav); 2, Ellenbrook (K Darley, 6-4); 3, Inchalong (D Mernagh, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Captain Bliss (4th). 4 ran. 3½l, 1½l, 2l. *P Evans at Welshpool.* Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.62. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.25 (1m 4f) 1, ALL ON (R Ffrench, *100-30*); 2, *Little Acorn* (K Darley, 2-7 fav); 3, Recluse (J Quinn, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Mowlaie (4th). *4 ran.* Hd, 9l, 26l. J Hetherton at Malton. Tote: £3.60. DF: £1.10. CSF: £4.37.

5.00 (7f 30yd) 1, GREY KINGDOM (D Mernagh, 9-4 fav); 2, Rymer's Rascal (A Culhane, 9-1); 3, Ivor's Deed (N Carlisle, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Lillibella (6th), 15-2 Captain Carparts (5th), 14 Seconds Away, Shontaine (4th), Termon, 16 True Ballad, 25 Gormire, 33 Tolepa. 11 ran. NR: Diet. 1½l, 3½l, hd, 3½l, 1½l. M Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £2.40, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £17.10. Trio: £33.00. CSF: £22.66. Tricast: £58.17.

Placepot: £961.00. Quadpot: £22.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nordance Prince (A P McCoy, Evens fav); 2, Allstars Express (10-1); 3, Henrys Port (10-1). 14 ran. 4l, 5l. Miss V Williams. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £3.70, £2.70. DF: £22.80. Trio: £36.00. CSF: £10.28

2.25 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Call Me Albi (M Richards, 100-30); 2, *Blasket Hero* (5-4 fav); 3, Mel (9-1). 6 ran. 2l, 13l. Mrs L Richards. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £1.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.57.

2.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Miramare (J Harris, 9-1); *2, On My Toes (6-1); 3, Prince of* Spades (4-1). October Brew 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 2½l, 15l. R Hodges. Tote: £10.90; £1.80, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £15.20. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £58.08. Tricast: £231.72. Sold for *3,500gns.*

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Red Branch (T J Murphy, Evens fav); 2, Bit Of A Touch (11-2); 3, Spring To Glory (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Evening Rain. 1½l, 1½l. J King. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £3.30. DF: £5.90. CSF: £5.77. Tricast: £22.81.

4.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Yubralee (A P McCoy, Evens fav); 2, Out On A Promise (15-8); 3, Handson (11-2). 4 ran. NR: Fontanays. 2l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.05.

4.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, God Speed You (J R Kavanagh, 11-10 fav); 2, *Benntown Bill* (11-1); 3, Diamond Fort (6-1). 5 ran. 1¾l, 3l. C Morlock. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £10.62.

5.10 (2m 1f flat race) 1, Easter Ross (M A Fitzgerald, 6-1); 2, Vague Hope (12-1), 3, Bozo (7-4 fav). 14 ran. NR: Royal Season. 1¾l, 10l. N Henderson. Tote: £3.90; £3.00, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £49.00. Trio: £9.90. CSF: £68.53.

Placepot: £24.10. Quadpot: £14.20.

Musselburgh

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, SOUTHERN DOMINION *(Miss Diana Jones, 12-1), 2, Sunday Mail* Too (Miss P Robson, 5-1); 3, Ready Teddy (Miss E Ramsden, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Shadow Jury (6th), 100-30 Tropical Beach (4th), 4 Nampara Bay, 8 Impish (5th), 12 Answers-To-Thomas, 14 Gagajulu, 50 Take Notice. 10 ran. ½l, 1½l, ¾l, nk, sh hd. Miss J Craze at York. Tote: £16.10; £8.40, £2.80, £4.20. DF: £36.70. *Trio: £161.10.* CSF: £69.14. Tricast: £1,141.17.

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THUNDERER

2.00 Swiss Law
2.30 Future Perfect
3.05 Supercal
3.45 PAS DE REPONSE (nap)
4.20 Cyrano's Lad
4.50 Nabhaan
5.20 Coble

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 PAS DE REPONSE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 INTIKHAB (nap). 3.45 Sleepytime.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 BT RACEPAGER CONDITIONS STAKES C4

(3-Y-O: £5,041: 7f) (6 runners)

101 (6) 211-2 INTIKHAB 15 (F) (H al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-6 R Hills 89
102 (2) 11154- SAMBAC 198 (F,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-5 K Fallon 93
103 (1) 10- SHOWBOAT 192 (D,F) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-1 M Hills 95
104 (4) 1-3 SUGARFOOT 19 (F) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-1 K Darley 91
105 (5) 02 MIDYAN CALL 17 (L Gaucci) M Bell 8-12 M Roberts 94
106 (3) 20- SWISS LAW 215 (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-12 L Dettori 91

BETTING: 9-4 Sambac, 11-4 Swiss Law, 7-2 Intikhab, 6-1 Showboat, 8-1 Midyan Call, 12-1 Sugarfoot.

1996: PROJECTION 9-1 Pat Eddery (3-1) B Hills 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

INTIKHAB 2l 2nd to Starborough in conditions race at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). SAMBAC 5¾l 4th to *Moonlight Paradise in group III Rockfel Stakes over course and distance* (good). SHOWBOAT 16l last of 8 to Desert Story in group III Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, soft). SUGARFOOT neck and 5l 3rd of 5 to Polaris in conditions race over course and distance (good). MIDYAN CALL 1l *2nd to Captain Collins in maiden here (5f, good to firm)*. SWISS LAW 6l 10th to Papua in auction race over course and distance (good).
Selection: INTIKHAB

2.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY MILE C4

(Handicap: qualifier: 3-Y-O: £14,915: 1m) (15 runners)

201 (12) 521-U MAYLANE 16 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7 M Roberts 90
202 (13) 1-1 FUTURE PERFECT 18 (D,F,S) (R M-Racing) P Cole 9-2 T Quinn 89
203 (7) 5506-1 SUPPLY AND DEMAND 11 (G) (Action) G L Moore 9-1 K Fallon 90
204 (4) 562- NAWASIB 199 (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-1 K Darley 88
205 (8) 282300 MILLROY 25 (V,G) (Exors of R Bekkersen) P Kelleway 8-13 M J Kinane 98
206 (14) 626-10 SHABE DELIGHT 19 (BF,F) (A Morton) B Hills 8-12 M Hills 94
207 (2) 023-0 BRAVE KRIS 18 (R Smith) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori 94
208 (3) 3216- SOLFEGIETTO 226 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Bell 8-11 D Peslier 92
209 (9) 4540-0 GOLDEN FACT 16 (G Tao) R Hannon 8-11 G Bardwell 87
210 (6) 562-46 MANTLES PRINCE 17 (D Barker) G Lewis 8-10 Pat Eddery 95
211 (11) 3426- CARIBBEAN STAR 210 (W Scott) M Stoute 8-9 J Reid 90
212 (5) 120-0 PASSIFLORA 19 (F) (Mrs K Greve) J Dunlop 8-7 R Hills 93
213 (1) 000-20 LAST CHANCE 22 (F) (Camelot Racing) D Cosgrove 8-1 G Carter 99
214 (10) 1060-3 IMPERIAL OR METRIC 73 (D,F) (Clayton Bigley Ptnrs Ltd) R Fahey 8-0 J F Egan 96
215 (15) 5-30 ABAJANY 15 (J White and Partners) M Channon 7-10 J Quinn 96

Long handicap: Abajany 7-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Future Perfect, 7-1 Maylane, Nawasib, 8-1 Supply And Demand, Caribbean Star, 10-1 Brave Kris, 12-1 Shabe Delight, Solfegietto, 14-1 others.

1996: SPIRITO LIBRO 7-3 Martin Dwyer (33-1) C Allen 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAYLANE beat Stamp 7l in 18-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. FUTURE PERFECT beat Raptor ½l in 11-runner conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) with BRAVE KRIS (2lb better off) 13½l 8th. SUPPLY AND DEMAND beat Winah 2l in 10-runner maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good). NAWASIB 3½l 2nd of 7 to Meshhed in maiden at Redcar (7f, good to firm). SHABE DELIGHT beat Jay-Owe-Two 3l in 22-runner handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MANTLES PRINCE about 1l 6th of 19 to River's Source in handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). CARIBBEAN STAR about 8l 6th of 11 to Polaris in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). LAST CHANCE 1½l 2nd of 11 to Plaisir D'Amour in handicap at Leicester (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: FUTURE PERFECT

3.05 R L DAVISON PRETTY POLLY STAKES C4

(Listed: 3-Y-O: £12,428: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301 (9) 24016- BOOJUM 176 (F,S) (Mrs A Bourne) B Hills 8-13 M Hills 93
302 (4) 0154-0 ATTITRE 16 (F) (R Pledger) C Brittain 8-8 M Roberts 91
303 (5) 1- CROWN OF LIGHT 265 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8 M J Kinane 80
304 (3) 4306- MRS MINIVER 217 (L Harley) P Kelleway 8-8 Pat Eddery 96
305 (2) 350-30 RAINDANCING 15 (B,F) (N Hayes) R Hannon 8-8 D Peslier 92
306 (8) 5240-0 RICH IN LOVE 6 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-8 D Biggs 94
307 (1) 35- SIYADAH 226 (BF) (H al-Maktoum) S bin Suroor 8-8 L Dettori 73
308 (7) 110-15 SUPERCAL 16 (F,S) (Caledonian Racing Society) D Elsworth 8-8 R Cochrane 89
309 (6) 4136-4 VAGABOND CHANTEUSE 18 (G) (W Grant) T Etherington 8-8 T Quinn 84

BETTING: 9-4 Boojum, 4-1 Siyadah, 9-2 Crown Of Light, 7-1 Attitre, 8-1 Raindancing, 10-1 Supercal, 14-1 Mrs Miniver, Vagabond Chanteuse, 16-1 Rich In Love.

1996: PRICKET 8-8 L Dettori (4-1) S bin Suroor 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOOJUM beat Fernanda 1l in 9-runner listed race at Newbury (7f 64yd, soft) on penultimate start. CROWN OF LIGHT beat Cho's Pearl head in 13-runner auction maiden at Leicester (7f, good). MRS MINIVER about 8l 6th of 8 to Reams Of Verse in group 1 Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good). RAINDANCING 5½l 3rd of 8 to Calypso Grant in listed race at Kempton (1m, good) on penultimate start. SIYADAH 5¾l 5th of 9 to Etoile in conditions race at Newbury (7f, good to firm). SUPERCAL 5¾l 5th of 10 to Dance Parade in group III Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) with ATTITRE 12¾l 10th. VAGABOND CHANTEUSE 6½l 4th to Future Perfect in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to firm).
Selection: RAINDANCING

3.45 PERTEMPS 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £104,730: 1m) (15 runners)

401 (7) 1114-6 BIANCA NERA 18 (F,S) (S Frisby) D Loder 9-0 K Darley 88
402 (6) 1110-1 DANCE PARADE 18 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 92
403 (2) 1142- DAZZLE 198 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 J Reid 91
404 (13) 2311-3 ELEGANT WARNING 19 (C,F,G) (P Elson) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 95
405 (5) 1612- KHASSAH 217 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 R Hills 86
406 (4) 11221- MOONLIGHT PARADISE 198 (C,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 L Dettori 95
407 (9) 12143- OCEAN RIDGE 215 (F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 T Jarnet 93
408 (11) 14-22 OH NELLIE 19 (BF,F,G) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 9-0 — 98
409 (8) 1311-1 PAS DE REPONSE 23 (C,G,S) (Wertheimer) Mme C Head (Fr) 9-0 F Head 99
410 (14) 2111- REAMS OF VERSE 217 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 88
411 (10) 2-1 REBECCA SHARP 18 (C,G) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills 78
412 (12) 13-1 REUNION 19 (C,F,G) (Highclere Racing Ltd) J Hills 9-0 D Peslier 97
413 (1) 11- SARAYIR 211 (C,F) (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 M Roberts 81
414 (3) 13-4 SLEEPYTIME 18 (BF,F) (Greenbay Stables Ltd) H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon 89
415 (15) 122- YASHMAK 210 (BF,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 M J Kinane 90

BETTING: 4-1 Pas De Reponse, 9-2 Moonlight Paradise, Sleepytime, 8-1 Reams Of Verse, Yashmak, 12-1 Dazzle, Khassah, 14-1 others.

1996: BOSRA SHAM 9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fav) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANCE PARADE beat Seebe ¾l in 10-runner group III Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) with SLEEPYTIME 2l 4th and BIANCA NERA 2½l and neck 6th. MOONLIGHT PARADISE beat DAZZLE (2lb better off) 2½l in 6-runner group III Rockfel Stakes here (7f, good). *PAS DE REPONSE beat Bamata 2½l in* 3-runner fillies listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (7f, good to soft). Previously beat MOONLIGHT PARADISE 1l in 8-runner group 1 Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes here (7f, good) with OCEAN RIDGE 1l 3rd and DAZZLE ½l 4th. REAMS OF VERSE beat KHASSAH 1¼l in 8-runner group I Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good) with SLEEPYTIME neck 3rd. REBECCA SHARP beat Delfiah 1¾l in *12-runner maiden here (7f, good)*. REUNION beat OH NELLIE 1l in group III Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes here (7f, good) with ELEGANT WARNING 1½l 3rd. SARAYIR beat Fernanda 1¼l in 7-runner listed race here (7f, good to firm). YASHMAK head 2nd of 13 to Ryafan in group I Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp (1m, good to soft) with BIANCA NERA 4l 4th and DANCE PARADE 8l 11th.
Selection: PAS DE REPONSE (nap)

4.20 INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS / CHIFNEY RESTAURANT RATED HANDICAP

(£7,213: 6f) (7 runners)

501 (2) 01100- DARING DESTINY 199 (B,D,F,G,S) (Daring Destiny Ptnrs) K Burke 6-9-7 T Quinn 97
502 (6) 044-24 CARRANITA 19 (D,F,G,S) (Lamb Lane Assoc) B Palling 7-9-3 Pat Eddery 97
503 (7) 0350-4 LOCH PATRICK 34 (D,F,G,S) (Miss E Collier) M Madgwick 7-8-11 J Reid 90
504 (4) 25-330 KING OF PERU 18 (CD,F,G) (L Fust) A James 4-8-11 D Holland 97
505 (3) 2060-6 CYRANO'S LAD 18 (C,D,F,G) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 8-8-9 K Fallon 98
506 (1) 0022-4 HOW LONG 18 (F) (Dr M Botta) L Cumani 4-8-9 L Dettori 99
507 (5) 560-00 HELLO MISTER 8 (D,F,G,S) (B Milton) T Powell 6-8-7 P McCabe (3) 93

Long handicap: Hello Mister 8-6.

BETTING: 2-1 Carranita, 4-1 How Long, 5-1 Cyrano's Lad, 6-1 Loch Patrick, 13-2 Daring Destiny, 7-1 King Of Peru, 16-1 Hello Mister

1996: MADLY SHARP 5-8-7 Pat Eddery (9-1) J Watts 11 ran

4.50 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP

(£7,457: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

601 (14) 33201- ROYAL SCIMITAR 57J (D,F,G,S) (Highway Synd Ltd) Mrs A Perrett 5-10-0 J Reid 90
602 (2) 3433-1 NABHAAN 13 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) D Morley 4-10-8 R Hills 93
603 (9) 3241/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY 592 (S) (F Salman) H Cecil 5-9-9 W Ryan —
604 (13) 3184- VALEDICTORY 297 (C,BF,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-8 K Fallon 99
605 (6) /345-3 ROKEBY BOWL 12 (BF,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-9-6 L Dettori 95
606 (5) 5320-3 ARTIC COURIER 11 (D,F) (Bream Promotions Ltd) D Cosgrove 6-9-1 M Rimmer 98
607 (7) 013-0 CLASSIC FIND 18 (F) (Classic Bloodstock Plc) I Campbell 4-9-0 R Price 93
608 (13) 0612-0 SOFYAAN 34 (G) (E Ragel) Lady Herries 4-8-12 D Peslier —
609 (10) 402-00 MAGIC COMBINATION 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-8-10 J Quinn 88
610 (1) 0225- ANCIENT QUEST 324 (Midcourts) N Callaghan 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 90
611 (12) 30600- MY LEARNED FRIEND 205 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 6-8-9 A McGlone 95
612 (8) 3201-0 CHATHAM ISLAND 11 (D,F,G) (B Vosk) C Brittain 9-8-2 B Doyle 90
613 (11) 01260- DOMAPPEL 33J (C,D,F,G,S) (M Banks) Mrs J Cecil 5-8-0 G Bardwell 96
614 (4) 0203-0 TEMPTRESS 13 (D,F,S) (P Barrett) J L Harris 4-7-10 R Ffrench (5) 92

Long handicap: Temptress 7-6

BETTING: 5-2 Nabhaan, 11-2 Royal Scimitar, 6-1 Valedictory, 8-1 General Assembly, Rokeby Bowl, 12-1 Artic Courier, 14-1 Sofyaan, Chatham Island, 16-1 others

1996: BEAUCHAMP JADE 4-8-4 G Carter (7-1) H Candy 12 ran

5.20 HASTINGS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,572: 1m) (16 runners)

1 (8) AMONG MEN (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) M Stoute 9-0 M J Kinane —
2 (5) ASEF ALHIND (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 R Hills —
3 (3) ASSAILABLE (S Hammond) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts —
4 (11) 0 COBLE 18 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 90
5 (12) 60 FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 19 (R Flood Bloodstock Ltd) C Dwyer 9-0 J Stack —
6 (14) 0 GO HENCE 18 (P Burrell) W Jarvis 9-0 R Cochrane —
7 (2) 2-0 JUDICIAL SUPREMACY 19 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 9-0 Pat Eddery 98
8 (1) KHALIK (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 K Darley 86
9 (6) 3-0 RIGHT WING 15 (Lord Chelsea) W Hern 9-0 K Fallon 93
10 (9) 3-5 ROYALE FINALE 15 (W Said) H Cecil 9-0 J Reid —
11 (16) 0- SHAHBOOR 217 (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) M Stoute 9-0 W Ryan 92
12 (15) 0 SLIPSTREAM 19 (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 9-0 L Dettori 98
13 (7) 4 SPACE RACE 18 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 T Quinn 81
14 (4) 0- SUPER MONARCH 254 (Maktoum al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 M Hills 99
15 (10) 4 THE PRINCE 18 (BF) (I MacNicol) G Wragg 9-0 N Day —
16 (13) 4666- VICTORY AT HART 276 (A Phillips) D Morris 9-0 —

BETTING: 5-1 Among Men, 7-1 Royale Finale, Shahboor, The Prince, 10-1 Coble, Judicial Supremacy, Khalik, Right Wing, Super Monarch, 12-1 others

1996: PHANTOM QUEST 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) H Cecil 9 ran

TOMORROW'S OTHER MEETINGS: Hamilton Park (2.20 - 5.30), Salisbury (2.10 - 5.10).

Pas De Reponse looks the class act

By JULIAN MUSCAT

PAS DE REPONSE, who boasts excellent acceleration, can carry her speed the length of the Rowley Mile to win the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas (3.45) at Newmarket tomorrow. The classic is among four live races on Channel 4.

Pas De Reponse holds attractive prospects in a classic otherwise punctuated by uncertainty. This beautifully bred daughter of Danzig is proven in the highest class. *Her trainer, Criquette Head*, has landed this event three times previously. Unlike several of her opponents, Pas De Reponse underlined her wellbeing in a recent trial. And she already holds a verdict over Moonlight Paradise, whom she dismissed over six furlongs in October.

Some believe Moonlight Paradise, a rugged representative of Godolphin, *might* avenge that defeat over this longer trip. *But any doubts* about Pas De Reponse's ability to stay a mile are minimal. She is by the classic source, Danzig, from a female line replete with high-class performers at this distance. As long as Freddie Head conserves her speed, she can *strike in the closing stages*.

Henry Cecil sets a conundrum by saddling three. His stable jockey, Kieren Fallon, has chosen Sleepytime even though the filly was immensely disappointing at Newbury.

TOMORROW'S RACING ON TELEVISION

True, her raking stride was compromised but she must improve just to account for Dance Parade, the winner that day. Bianca Nera, even further behind, has a mountain to climb and that Newbury contest looks well short of classic form.

Sleepytime must also avenge another luckless defeat by Reams Of Verse and Khassah at Ascot in September. But Khassah, with the *benefit of a winter in Dubai*, can emerge best from this group. Like Khassah, Sarayir has the Dubai advantage, but this half-sister to Nashwan might be more comfortable over a distance of ground. Yashmak is equally well related but her best form has been *gained on an easy surface*.

Those responsible for dropping Ocean Ridge's odds are taking liberties with her stamina. Elegant Warning and Dazzle are also suspect in this department but there are possibilities about Rebecca Sharp. This one looked loaded with talent when annexing a maiden here two weeks ago.

Perhaps the best each-way prospect is *Reunion*, comfortably best in the Nell Gwyn Stakes here last month. Well forward on that occasion, she settled the issue swiftly. **Pas De Reponse**, however, is the class act: she can join Ma Biche, Ravinella and Hatoof on Mme Head's 1,000 Guin*eas roll of honour*.

The opening BT Race Pager *Conditions* Stakes (2.00) is best left to **Swiss Law**. He failed to figure in a big field for the Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes but shaped well when chasing home Indiscreet on his debut. Since acquired by Godolphin, Swiss Law has the scope to make great improvement.

A big turnout in the Mail On Sunday Mile Handicap *(2.30) makes this a trappy* heat. It usually pays to side with a progressive performer in these events and **Nawasib** fits the bill. She faced a talented opponent when beaten by Meshhed on her last start and looks reasonably treated.

In a substandard renewal of the R L Davison Pretty Polly Stakes (3.05), a chance is taken with **Attitre**, who showed hints of ability last term. A headstrong sort, she should be straighter for her outing *the Fred Darling* Stakes two weeks ago.

THIRSK

THUNDERER

2.20 Go Green Flag. 2.50 Tezaab. 3.20 Victory Team. 3.55 Angel Face. 4.25 Adrenalin. 5.00 Bee Health Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 AYKBORNE MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,886: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 0- BURN OUT 33J J Pearce 5-9-10 C Teague (3) 9
2 MOON COLONY 389 Lady Herries 4-9-10 Declan O'Shea 10
3 6- PSICOSSIS 325 H Cecil 4-9-10 A McGlone 5
4 6 TASWIB 30 D Morley 4-9-10 J Stack 8
5 ALL DONE 49J S Mellor 4-9-5 M Wigham 3
6 23-2 CANADIAN FANTASY 35 (BF) M Johnston 3-8-5 D McKeown 6
7 DANCER'S CHIEF J Payne 3-8-5 G Duffield 4
8 00-0 DULAS BAY 7 M W Easterby 3-8-5 G Parkin (5) 1
9 GO GREEN FLAG Mrs J Cecil 3-8-5 G Bardwell 2
10 0-5 WINTER GARDEN 11 L Cumani 3-8-5 D Urbina 11
11 2- NIGHTLARK 221 D Loder 3-8-0 D R McCabe 7
12 46- VALAGALORE 176 B Hills 3-8-0 J F Egan 12

11-4 Psicossis, 7-2 Nightlark, 6-1 Valagalore, 8-1 Canadian Fantasy, Winter Garden, 10-1 Taswib, 12-1 others

2.50 RACING CHANNEL MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,094: 7f) (9)

1 05 HYPE SUPERIOR B A Bailey 9-0 D Wright 8
2 IMPETUS J Hetherton 9-0 N Kennedy 7
3 NITE OWLER J A Harris 9-0 J D'Reilly 6
4 3 SHADOOF 16 W Muir 9-0 J Fortune 3
5 TEZAAB B Hanbury 9-0 J Stack 1
6 0- VAN CHINO 176 B McMahon 9-0 L Newton 2
7 4- YOUNG PRECEDENT 187 P Harris 9-0 A McGlone 4
8 000- PETITE RISK 280 K Hogg 8-9 L Charnock 9
9 35 TABASCO JAZZ 10 B Meehan 8-9 J Carroll 5

5-2 Tabasco Jazz, 3-1 Shadoof, 7-2 Young Precedent, 4-1 Tezaab, 8-1 others

3.20 WALKER MORRIS HANDICAP

(£5,605: 7f) (10)

1 1-65 RAHEEN 44 (B,G) W G M Turner 4-10-0 D Sweeney (5) 10
2 000- ROYAL MARK 196 (D,F,G) T Barron 4-9-13 D Harrison 4
3 5096 RAKIS 8 (D,F,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-6 J F Egan 6
4 -251 VICTORY TEAM 11 (D,F,G) G Balding 5-9-3 S Drowne 2
5 -064 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 7 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-1 F Lynch (3) 5
6 00-0 ENCHANTED GUEST 7 (G) V Soane 4-8-13 C Rutter 9
7 8-60 ROYAL SOUTH 22 (G) P Felgate 4-8-12 G Hind 3
8 5010 PAINT IT BLACK 7 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-8-0 Iona Wands (5) 1
9 -310 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 5 (D,G) J Eyre 4-7-11 T Williams 8
10 0150 PLEASURE TRICK 26 (D,F,G) E Incisa 6-7-10 Kim Tinkler 7

5-2 Paint It Black, 3-1 Victory Team, 7-1 Rakis, Weetman's Weigh, 8-1 The Barnsley Belle, Raheen, 12-1 others.

☐ Pulpit, Captain Bodgit and Crypto Star head a field of 13 for the Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the American Triple Crown, at Churchill Downs today.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

6.00 Tough Test. 6.30 In A Moment. 7.00 Speakers House. 7.30 Will Travel. 8.00 The Next Waltz. 8.30 Scarba.

Carl Evans: 7.30 Will Travel.

GOING: FIRM SIS

6.00 CHESTERS STUD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,441: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 1336 TWIN FALLS 29 (B,F,G,S) G Moore 6-11-10 J Callaghan
2 231P TOUGH TEST 10 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-2 B Storey
3 2332 SHAWWELL 19 (BF,F,G) J Charlton 10-10-6 T Reed
4 P25P MASTER FLASHMAN 21 (B) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-3 G Lee
5 P2UP CLASSIC CREST 86 (V,F) Miss L Russell 6-10-0 M Foster
6 0093 JONAEM 19 (BF,F) Mrs D Sayer 7-10-0 K Johnson
7 41P0 KARLOVAC 7 (B,F) S Chadwick 11-10-0 F Perratt
8 0P56 MORE JOY 21 B Ellison 9-10-0 C McCormack (7)
9 P065 KINGS MINSTRAL 19 (G) D Lamb 7-10-0 J Burke
10 0P00 BANNER YEAR 21 T Carr 6-10-0 G Cahill
11 PU55 OLIXALL CROSSETT 19 E Cane 12-10-0 Mr M H Naughton (5)

11-4 Twin Falls, 4-1 Tough Test, 5-1 Shawwell, Master Flashman, 7-1 others

6.30 DENNIS WAGGOTT BUILDER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,008: 2m) (14)

1 U620 SKIDDAW SAMBA 16 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 G Lee
2 -305 MONKEY WENCH 9 (F) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-9 B Storey
3 3P81 CHARLISTIONA 9 (D,G) J Dodds 6-11-4 S Melrose (7)
4 4200 IN A MOMENT 33 (CD,S) C Grant 6-10-11 J Callaghan
5 0043 TSANGA 7 G Moore 5-10-10 N Bentley
6 3000 OVER STATED 28 J Wade 7-10-8 S Taylor (5)
7 -250 STAGS FELL 29 (D,F,G) T Cuthbert 12-10-5 Carol Cuthbert
8 2t60 TIOTAO 67 C Parker 7-10-4 D Parker
9 FPP6 BIRTHPLACE 12 (D,S) R Tate 7-10-1 K Johnson
10 0P-0 FRET 33 (CD,G,S) J Wainwright 7-10-0 M Foster
11 0PP0 BLOOD BROTHER 60 J Barclay 5-10-0 N Horrocks (7)
12 P000 DARK MIDNIGHT 9 D Lamb 8-10-0 J Burke
13 5PF0 SHUT UP 8 (G) Mrs E Moscrop 8-10-0 E Husband (3)
14 00SP SUPER GUY 10 J Barclay 5-10-0 G Cahill

4-1 Charlistiona, 5-1 Tsanga, 6-1 Skiddaw Samba, 7-1 In A Moment, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Lungo, 22 winners from 84 runners, 26.2%; T Carr, 5 from 22, 22.7%; B Ellison, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 49, 20.4%; G Moore, 13 from 65, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 13 winners from 47 rides, 27.7%; E Callaghan, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G Cahill, 12 from 65, 18.5%; T Reed, 19 from 108, 17.6%; R Garritty, 9 from 61, 14.8%.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

5.45 What Chance. 6.15 Minnisam. 6.45 Vicar Of Bray. 7.15 Lowawatha. 7.45 Cotswold Castle. 8.15 Cyphratis.

Carl Evans: 5.45 What Chance.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.45 WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE TROPHY

(Novice hunters chase: £1,041: 2m 4f 110yd) (3 runners)

1 1-51 TOM FURZE 21P (F) Mrs D Buckett 10-12-5 M Batters (7)
2 -821 WHAT CHANCE 50 (G,S) Mrs H Mobley 9-12-2 A Charles-Jones (7)
3 8PP- LORD KILTON 341P Mrs D Cowley 9-12-0 M Cowley (7)

4-5 What Chance, 5-4 Tom Furze, 16-1 Lord Kilton.

6.15 BARFORD SELLING HURDLE (£1,643: 2m) (11)

1 00P- FRANS LAD 350 B Baugh 5-11-0 Gary Lyons
2 0PP- HIGHLAND SPIN 341 K Wingrove 6-11-0 Mr S Durack (7)
3 00-0 NOABA 54 Miss K George 6-11-0 J R Kavanagh
4 0346 NEVER SO BLUE 14 (B,D,F) P Bradley 6-11-0 R Dunwoody
5 NORTHERN GREY 127F J Scargill 5-11-0 N Mann
6 5350 FENIAN COURT 24 (BF) P Evans 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
7 MINNISAM 261F A Hobbs 4-10-9 R Greene
8 2532 SUMMER VILLA 7 (B) K Wingrove 5-10-9 W Marston
9 PR TIBEL 7 G Fierro 6-10-9 S Lycett (7)
10 -850 TEEJAY'S FUTURE 7 D Bowman 5-10-9 M Brennan
11 0 RENO'S TREASURE 70 J A Harris 4-10-4 J Supple

11-4 Never So Blue, 4-1 Summer Villa, 5-1 Teejay's Future, 6-1 Fenian Court, 7-1 Minnisam, 8-1 Noaba, 10-1 Northern Grey, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 26 winners from 114 runners, 22.8%; R Alner, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Mrs J Pitman, 15 from 74, 20.3%; O Sherwood, 9 from 45, 20.0%; P Hobbs, 5 from 41, 12.2%; G Balding, 7 from 69, 10.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 34 winners from 78 rides, 43.6%; J Osborne, 15 from 77, 19.5%; J R Kavanagh, 9 from 48, 18.8%; C Llewellyn, 7 from 40, 17.5%; C Maude, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

3.55 THIRSK HUNT CUP

(Handicap: £12,623: 1m) (18)

1 635- CENSOR 273 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-13 Alex Greaves 16
2 0-30 BAND ON THE RUN 14 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 10-9-11 L Newton 1
3 00-0 TERTIUM 8 (D,F) M Wane 5-9-7 J Carroll 13
4 1011 ANGEL FACE 14 (CD,F,G) P Evans 4-9-8 J F Egan 2
5 02-4 SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 43 (F,G) T Easterby 6-9-6 M Birch 6
6 4500 NIGHT WINK 8 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-9-3 S Whitworth 17
7 0511 HIGH PREMIUM 9 (D,F,G,S) R Fahey 9-9-2 R Winston (7) 10
8 000- ROYAL CEILIDH 175 (CD,F,G) D Smith 4-9-1 F Lynch (5) 15
9 610- ALPINE HIDEAWAY 182 (F) B Hanbury 4-9-1 J Stack 7
10 -005 ROYAL RESULT 8 (CD,F) T Barron 4-9-0 D Harrison 5
11 0-05 QUEENS CONSUL 25 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 7-8-13 J Fortune 13
12 6214 GULF SHAADI 15 (D,F,G) E Alston 5-8-4 S Drowne 14
13 1200 AHONYRI 56 (B,D,F,G) J Eyre 5-8-3 T Williams 3
14 -042 GODMERSHAM PARK 2 P Felgate 5-8-2 G Duffield 4
15 0-00 TINKLERS FOLLY 15 (D,F,G) F Whitaker 5-7-13 L Charnock 15
16 6006 DUKE VALENTINO 21 (D,G) R Hollinshead 5-7-11 Dale Gibson 9
17 0-60 KARINSKA 64 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 7-7-11 P Doe (7) 11
18 1203 GADGE 5 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-7-11 D Wright 8

6-1 Censor, 7-1 Angel Face, 8-1 High Premium, Sandmoor Chambray, 9-1 others.

4.25 E B F NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,140: 5f) (10)

1 ADRENALIN Mrs J Ramsden 8-12 J Fortune 9
2 ALLMAITES D Nicholls 8-12 Alex Greaves 1
3 06 MR FUND SWITCH 23 D Nicholls 8-12 K Hodgson 4
4 0 NEWHARGEN S P Evans 8-12 J F Egan 2
5 SANDMOOR TARTAN T Easterby 8-12 M Birch 8
6 COSMIC CASE J Goldie 8-7 T Williams 10
7 KATY THOMAS J Berry 8-7 P Fessey (5) 6
8 LA VASO VERDI R Whitaker 8-7 Dean McKeown 7
9 NEWGATE NOBLESSE S Murray 8-7 V Halliday 3
10 TURF MOOR J O'Neill 8-7 J Carroll 5

6-4 Katy Thomas, 7-2 Turf Moor, 7-1 Adrenalin, Sandmoor Tartan, 10-1 others

5.00 BALDERSBY HANDICAP (£4,640: 5f) (17)

1 10/ ELLE SHAPED 502 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-10-0 Alex Greaves 13
2 12-0 JUST BOB 14 (C,D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-9-8 Jenny Benson (7) 11
3 6-00 LONGWICK LAD 8 (F) W Muir 4-9-7 D Harrison 15
4 036- MIDDLE EAST 192 (D,F) T Barron 4-9-5 J Carroll 8
5 5-00 INSIDER TRADER 14 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-5 J Fortune 7
6 00-0 STOLEN KISS 33 (B,D,F,S) M W Easterby 5-9-3 T Lucas 6
7 4-41 MANOLO 11 (B,D,F) J Berry 4-9-2 P Roberts (5) 12
8 000- BEE HEALTH BOY 176 (B,F,S) M W Easterby 4-9-1 G Parkin (5) 16
9 6111 JOHAYRO 10 (D,F,G) J Goldie 4-8-13 J McAuley (7) 2
10 0450 CAPTAIN CARAT 14 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 6-8-8 Dale Gibson 17
11 30-0 HERE COMES A STAR 14 (C,D,F,G) J Carr 9-8-6 L Charnock 5
12 0-08 RICH GLOW 16 (D,F,S) N Bycroft 6-8-3 S Drowne 4
13 -060 PLAYMAKER 11 (D,S) D Nicholls 4-8-1 Iona Wands (5) 10
14 4-40 CAMIONNEUR 8 (B,F) T Easterby 4-7-10 G Bardwell 14
15 0651 TIME TO FLY 25 (B,D,G) B Murray 4-7-10 J F Egan 9
16 0525 SOTONIAN 25 (D,G) P Felgate 4-7-10 D Wright 3
17 5040 RENNYHOLME 21 (D,G) J Hetherton 6-7-10 N Kennedy 1

5-1 Johayro, 6-1 Manolo, 7-1 Captain Carat, 8-1 Just Bob, 9-1 Insider Trader, 10-1 Longwick Lad, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 6 winners from 14 runners, 42.9%; D Loder, 5 from 13, 38.5%; H Cecil, 8 from 22, 36.4%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 14, 35.7%; B Hanbury, 5 from 16, 31.3%; L Cumani, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: J F Egan, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; G Duffield, 16 from 84, 19.0%; D Harrison, 3 from 18, 16.7%; S Whitworth, 3 from 20, 15.0%; A McGlone, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J Fortune, 16 from 119, 13.4%.

7.00 GILESGATE SUBARU AND SSANGYONG TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,888: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 P44- MILS MIJ 340 (C,D,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 12-12-0 R Supple
2 -0DP ANTHONY BELL 200 (CD,F,G) T Carr 11-11-7 N Smith
3 61PP SPEAKER'S HOUSE 19 (D,F) Miss L Russell 8-11-3 T Reed
4 6P01 BISHOPDALE 19 (C,D,F,G,S) S Chadwick 16-10-11 F Perratt
5 3005 WILD BROOK 93 B Ellison 7-10-3 D Parker
6 21P6 CARDENDEN 9 (D,F,G) J Barclay 9-10-0 B Storey
7 40P- NORTH PRIDE 404 (D,F,S) M Barnes 12-10-0 G Cahill

5-2 Bishopdale, 7-2 Mils Mij, 5-1 Anthony Bell, 6-1 Speaker's House, 7-1 Wild Brook, 8-1 Cardenden, 12-1 North Pride.

7.30 GILESGATE SUBARU AND SSANGYONG 10TH ANNIVERSARY HEART OF ALL ENGLAND HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,388: 3m 1f) (8)

1 U43 COOL YULE 19 R Thomson 9-12-0 Miss P Robson (5)
2 1554- CUMBERLAND BLUES 49P (F,G) Mrs A Lockwood 8-12-0 Miss A Deniel (7)
3 2P13 DONSIDE 27P (F) G White 9-12-0 J Walton
4 0U31 EMU PARK 7P (F) Mrs R Elliot 9-12-0 J Thompson (7)
5 P422 FAST FUN 21P K Robson 9-12-0 R Morgan (7)
6 3141 WILL TRAVEL 21P (F) A Dickman 8-12-0 A Robson (7)
7 P13P COOLVAWN LADY 20P (F,G) W Halliday 8-11-9 S Walker (7)
8 -F33 TOD LAW 33P (F) Mrs R Elliot 9-11-9 C Storey (5)

5-2 Cool Yule, 9-2 Donside, 5-1 Cumberland Blues, Will Travel, 6-1 Emu Park, 8-1 Fast Fun, 12-1 others

8.00 ROOSTER COMPUTERS MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,177: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 0000 FRISKY THYNE 10 M Hammond 8-11-5 R Garritty
2 00P0 HUNTING SLANE 10 C Grant 5-11-5 J Callaghan
3 0-0P RED HOT PRINCE 10 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-5 L McGrath (7)
4 3 STARLIN SAM 33 J Sisterson 8-11-5 B Storey
5 3600 THE NEXT WALTZ 95 L Lungo 6-11-5 R Supple
6 30 GABRIELLE GERARD 203 M Hammond 5-11-0 D Bentley
7 3006 SALEM BEACH 21 M Todhunter 5-11-0 C McCormack (7)

7-4 Gabrielle Gerard, 7-2 Starlin Sam, 9-2 The Next Waltz, 6-1 Frisky Thyne, 7-1 Salem Beach, 14-1 Red Hot Prince, Hunting Slane

8.30 DR MICHAEL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,014: 3m) (9)

1 41F4 SCARBA 21 (C,D,G,S) J Jefferson 9-12-8 E Callaghan (3)
2 41P1 MISTER TRICK 32 (F,G) L Lungo 7-10-12 W Dowling (8)
3 0340 CHILL FACTOR 21 (B) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-7 G Lee (3)
4 0P64 CARNMONEY 21 J Sisterson 9-10-3 F Leahy
5 3026 SHELTON ABBEY 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Wade 11-10-0 S Taylor
6 4404 THORNTOUN ESTATE 5F (V) M Todhunter 4-10-0 C McCormack (8)
7 00P0 DASHMAR 8 Mr L Prater 10-10-0 R Wilkinson (3)
8 FPP0 BROOMHILL DUKER 29 H Johnson 7-10-0 N Horrocks (3)
9 8500 MEADOWLECK 8 W Young 8-10-0 I Jardine (5)

5-2 Scarba, 3-1 Mister Trick, 4-1 Chill Factor, 9-2 Thorntoun Estate, 8-1 Shelton Abbey, 12-1 Carnmoney, 16-1 others.

6.45 VETERANS CHASE (£4,003: 3m 2f) (7)

1 33P2 FROZEN DROP 11 (D,F,G) P Rachens 10-11-10 C Maude
2 14P4 MUSTHAVEASWIG 18 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholson 11-11-10 Mr R Thornton (3)
3 2303 COPPER MINE 18 (CD,F,G,S) O Sherwood 11-11-2 J Osborne
4 -PR0 VICAR OF BRAY 7 (V,D,F,G) L Wells 10-11-2 M Richards
5 0345 COUNT BARACHOIS 12 (F,S) Mrs E Heath 9-10-12 D Gallagher
6 -0U0 JAUNTY GIG 3 (B,F,G) J Bebell 11-10-12 L O'Hara
7 1U03 HARRISTOWN LADY 8 (B,F,G) G Balding 10-10-7 B Clifford

5-4 Musthaveaswig, 3-4 Copper Mine, 9-2 Frozen Drop, 10-1 Harristown Lady, 12-1 Count Barachois, 16-1 Jaunty Gig, Vicar of Bray.

7.15 MINTEX HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,493: 2m) (5)

1 F203 TEJANO GOLD 7 (D,BF,G,S) P Bradley 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 4121 BARFORD SOVEREIGN 14 (D,F,G) J Fanshawe 5-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
3 -301 AMLAH 10 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-3 B Powell
4 -204 JOSIFINA 49 (D,F,S) A Foster 6-10-12 A Thornton
5 624P LOWAWATHA 72 (F) Mrs E Heath 9-10-0 D Gallagher

7-4 Amlah, 2-1 Barford Sovereign, 7-2 Tejano Gold, 5-1 Josifina, 16-1 Lowawatha

7.45 ALDERMINSTER NOVICES CHASE

(£2,900: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 RUR1 PLAN-A 11 (F) R Alner 7-11-9 P Holley
2 2PPP RYTON RUN 8 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Odell 12-11-6 B Fenton
3 P65P CHAPILLIERE 33 T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 G Upton
4 PP4- COTSWOLD CASTLE 354 J O'Shea 11-11-2 Michael Brennan (3)
5 -0P3 WALLS COURT 8 J Bebell 10-11-2 L O'Hara

4-6 Plan-A, 3-1 Cotswold Castle, 10-1 Chapilliere, Walls Court, 12-1 Ryton Run

8.15 WASPERTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,732: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 4000 CYPHRATIS 32 (B) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 D Leahy
2 -611 NAUTICAL JEWEL 12 (F) K Wingrove 5-11-8 J Power (7)
3 -654 ARCTIC TRIUMPH 78 (B,G) M Bradstock 6-11-4 P Holley
4 2300 DARK PHOENIX 32 (V,G) O Brennan 7-11-4 M Brennan
5 0020 LOCH NA KEAL 42 C Morlock 5-11-1 C Llewellyn
6 0440 BROOKHAMPTON LANE 7 (B) Mrs A Bowlby 6-10-10 B Powell
7 0456 COOL HARRY 43 H Haynes 6-10-5 Mr S Durack (7)

3-1 Nautical Jewel, 7-2 Cyphratis, 4-1 Dark Phoenix, 5-1 Arctic Triumph, 7-1 Loch Na Keal, 8-1 Brookhampton Lane, 12-1 Cool Harry

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.25 Vision Of Freedom. 2.55 Eid. 3.25 High Summer. 4.00 Dont Tell The Wife. 4.30 The Brewer. 5.05 Landsker Missile. 5.35 Seymours Secret.

Carl Evans: 5.05 Landsker Missile.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.25 GREIG MIDDLETON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 45PF VISION OF FREEDOM 45 (D,F,G) P Bowen 9-12-0 J Power (7)
2 50-5 [illegible] 29F (C,D,G) R J O'Sullivan 6-11-3 D O'Sullivan
3 PE53 COMMANCHE CREEK 13 (D,BF,F) Miss J du Plessis 7-10-11 Sophie Mitchell (3)
4 C501 CURLEY CAPER 62 (B,S) T Wall 5-10-6 A Thornton
5 0050 JEWEL THIEF 12 (V,F) G Balding 7-10-4 B Fenton
6 PUH5 TURRELL HOUSE 7 [illegible] 6-10-1 M Richards
7 -P00 HAZELEED WOOD 33 M Sheppard 9-10-0 D Gallagher
8 0025 SCALP 'EM 32 P Pritchard 9-10-0 P Pritchard
9 U-03 VITAL WONDER 45 [illegible] 9-10-0 M Griffiths (7)
10 -PC0 PATONG BEACH 31 P Richards 7-10-6 S Fox

7-2 Curley Caper, 5-1 Scalp 'Em, 6-1 Vision Of Freedom, 7-1 others

2.55 MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT NOVICES CHASE (£2,690: 2m 3f) (7)

1 030P DUBELLE 33 (D,BF,F) J King 7-11-1 T J Murphy
2 5F42 ASTRAL INVASION 33 (F) T Wall 6-11-0 R Massey (3)
3 -4U2 DIAMOND LIGHT 7 [illegible] 10-11-0 Mr S Lloyd
4 3-5P DODGY DEALER 65 Mrs S Nock 7-11-0 Mr E James
5 03-1 EID 329 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 R Guest
6 253F FIRST CLASS 31 (BF,F) G Aylord 7-11-0 R Greene
7 3643 INDIAN TEMPLE 30 K Bishop 6-11-0 G Supple (5)

Evens Eid, 6-1 First Class, 7-1 Astral Invasion, 8-1 Indian Temple, Diamond Light, 10-1 Dubelle, 14-1 Dodgy Dealer

3.25 GREAT BRAMPTON HOUSE ANTIQUES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,070: 2m 3f 110yd) (16)

1 3212 EAU DE COLOGNE 8 (F) Mrs L Richards 5-11-6 M Richards
2 PP ALI'S DELIGHT 157 A J Wilson 6-11-0 A Thornton
3 63 BROOK BEE 54 N Gaselee 5-11-0 W Marston
4 0-0P FEARLESS HUSSAR 14 C Jackson 7-11-0 P Holley
5 53 HIGH SUMMER 21 T Thomson Jones 7-11-0 G Upton
6 0- KING CURAN 191F (B) P Bowen 6-11-0 R Guest
7 4622 OPERETTO 65 Mrs S Nock 7-11-0 Mr E James
8 000- PEARLA DUBH 527 (F) R Baker 8-11-0 V Slattery
9 2- RUSHAWAY 539 Miss C Johnsey 6-11-0 D Gallagher
10 -02P SANDVILLE LAD 33 Mrs D Thomas 5-11-0 Mr A Wintle (7)
11 3 SICARIAN 32 Mrs M Jones 5-11-0 Derek Byrne
12 4506 SUPREME CHARM 86 (G) K Bailey 5-11-0 C O'Dwyer
13 0 WESTERN SUN 14 J Needham 7-11-0 A Bates (5)
14 4-55 BAY FAIR 143 M Bosley 5-10-9 I Lawrence
15 -354 JUST JASMINE 66 K Bishop 5-10-9 R Greene
16 P MARLIES GOHR 14 T Clement 5-10-9 T Dascombe

7-2 Eau De Cologne, 6-1 High Summer, 7-1 Supreme Charm, 8-1 Sicarian, Operetto, 10-1 Brook Bee, King Curan, 14-1 others

4.00 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,560: 3m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 3P5F DONT TELL THE WIFE 8 (G,S) C Egerton 11-12-0 A Thornton
2 225U ROCKY PARK 16 (S) G Balding 11-11-4 B Fenton
3 0501 MR INVADER 61 (F,S) N Gaselee 10-11-2 W Marston
4 U103 CAPO CASTANUM 21 (D,F) Miss H Knight 8-11-1 Mr A Wintle (7)
5 P001 SUPPOSIN 12 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-0 R Guest
6 65U6 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 17 (F,G) B Llewellyn 9-10-10 Mr J L Llewellyn
7 341- NOVA CHAMP 423 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-4 G F Ryan (5)
8 P-PP BOTTLE BLACK 33 (S) T Hind 10-10-3 P McLoughlin
9 5534 MAXXUM EXPRESS 39 (S) G Balding 9-10-3 A Bates (5)
10 6153 FURRY FOX 12 (F,G,S) R Curtis 9-10-1 D Morris
11 35P1 JUST ONE CANALETTO 33 (B,CD,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-0 Mr J Goldstein (7)
12 P556 BALLYDOUGAN 4 (V) R Mathew 9-10-0 T J Murphy
13 5F36 BOXING MATCH 216 (F,G,S) J Bradley 10-10-0 T Dascombe

3-1 Mr Invader, 5-1 Supposin, 6-1 Just One Canaletto, 7-1 Rocky Park, 8-1 Capo Castanum, Dont Tell The Wife, 10-1 Nova Champ, 12-1 others

4.30 HEREFORD AUTOMATICS JACKPOT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,070: 2m 1f) (14)

1 P1PF RITTO 14 (D,S) J Neville 7-11-12 T Dascombe
2 0350 ASK ME IN 14 T Wall 6-11-6 R Massey (3)
3 FP2 MAGICAL BLUES 28 Miss A Embiricos 5-11-4 K Gaule
4 40-3 NAHLA 14 (S) B De Haan 7-10-13 S Curran
5 3502 FAIRELAINE 8 (B) K Bailey 5-10-12 C O'Dwyer
6 3022 THE BREWER 14 J Tuck 5-10-10 R Bellamy
7 0034 FENCER'S QUEST 14 T Forster 4-10-6 S Wynne
8 5-06 KUMARI KING 147 A Carroll 7-10-5 D Morris
9 FP35 CREDO BOY 66 (S) K Bishop 8-10-4 R Greene
10 060P ROYAL GLINT 52 H Haynes 8-10-0 B Fenton
11 P00 SOBER ISLAND 95 Mrs D Thomas 9-10-0 Mr O McPhail (7)
12 -420 ARIOSO 65 J Needham 9-10-0 A Bates (5)
13 -P00 SOCCER BALL 40 T Watson 7-10-0 D J Kavanagh (5)
14 PU4P AQUA AMBER 14 J Bradley 5-10-0 J Power (7)

4-1 Fairelaine, 5-1 Fencer's Quest, 6-1 Magical Blues, The Brewer, 7-1 Nahla, Ritto, 10-1 others

5.05 JAIL-BREAK HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,380: 2m 3f) (11)

1 0P24 FAMILIAR FRIEND 3 (B,CD,F,S) S Gilmore 11-12-7 L Lay (7)
2 -PP3 MY YOUNG MAN 4 (F,G,S) C Brooks 12-12-7 E James (7)
3 142P TUFFNUT GEORGE 14 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Grainger 10-12-7 A Phillips (7)
4 00-1 MANKIND 14 (G) J de Gee 6-12-4 L Baker (7)
5 1122 LANDSKER MISSILE 7P (CD,F,G) Mrs M Evans 8-12-2 N Bradley (7)
6 5P44 SUDANOR 7P (F,G) J Pudge 8-12-6 M Munrowd (7)
7 U465 TELLAPORKY 14 (B) T Hind 5-12-0 A Middleton (7)
8 P-4P TWIST 'N' SCU 56P (F) Miss L Smith 9-12-0 R Lawther (7)
9 /12- YOUEM 370P (S) A Hales 7-12-0 R Walley (7)
10 6P-P ROO'S LEAP 21P J Pudge 9-11-9 O McPhail (7)
11 PEPP THORNHILL 14 F Matthews 7-11-9 A Wood (7)

5-4 Landsker Missile, 7-2 Mankind, 5-1 Tuffnut George, Familiar Friend, 6-1 My Young Man, [illegible] others

5.35 ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE MARES ONLY STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

(£1,028: 2m 1f) (17)

1 14 TARA GALE 8 (D,S) J Neville 5-11-7 Mr A Wintle (7)
2 AFTER TIME N Henderson 5-11-0 P Maher (7)
3 ALBERTINA Mrs S Nock 5-11-0 Mr E James
4 BE MY ROMANY J Needham 5-11-0 A Bates (5)
5 BRUNIDA P Murphy 5-11-0 T Dascombe
6 DAWN SPINNER N Henderson 5-11-0 T Hagger (7)
7 FLORAL REEF N Henderson 6-11-0 M W Carroll (7)
8 FLOSSIE HANDS J O'Shea 5-11-0 J T Nolan (7)
9 SEYMOURS SECRET 41P D Gandolfo 5-11-0 Sophie Mitchell (3)
10 THE LADY SCORES K Bailey 5-11-0 C Scudder (7)
11 ABSOLUTE PROOF W G M Turner 4-10-9 J Power (7)
12 BOSSA NOVA L Cottrell 4-10-9 D Burrows (5)
13 4 DUNSFOLD DOLLY 49 P Winkworth 4-10-9 L Aspell (3)
14 PRINCESS HELEN M Bosley 4-10-9 M Lane (7)
15 3 REDGRAVE WOLF 72 K Bishop 4-10-9 G Supple (5)
16 3 SHIMMY DANCING 24 John Berry 4-10-9 Miss A Embiricos
17 VICAR'S VASE K Bailey 4-10-9 R Wakley (7)

7-2 Tara Gale, 5-1 After Time, Dawn Spinner, 6-1 Floral Reef, 7-1 Redgrave Wolf, 8-1 Dunsfold Dolly, Shimmy Dancing, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 14 winners from 30 runners, 46.7%; N Twiston-Davies, 30 from 97, 30.9%; C Brooks, 4 from 16, 25.0%; C Egerton, 5 from 21, 23.8%; J King, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: B Fenton, 7 winners from 20 rides, 35.0%; Mr E James, 3 from 9, 33.3%; T J Murphy, 4 from 17, 23.5%; P McLoughlin, 6 from 42, 14.3%; R Massey, 4 from 29, 13.8%; S Curran, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

POINT-TO-POINT FIXTURES

TODAY: Albrighton at Weston Park, 3m NE of Shifnal (first race 2.00). Cambridge University Hunts Club at Cottenham, 4m N of Cambridge (2.00). Devon & Somerset Stag at Holnicote, 3m W of Minehead (2.00); Gelligaer Farmers at Bonvilston, 5m W of Cardiff (4.00). Harkaway Club at Chaddesley Corbett, between Bromsgrove and Kidderminster (2.00); Lauderdale at Mosshouses, NE of Galashiels (2.00); Modbury Harriers at Flete Park, 10m E of Plymouth (2.00). Pendle Forest & Craven at Gisburn, 1m S of town. (2.00)

TOMORROW: Fernie at Dingley, 3m E of Mkt Harborough (2.15)

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THUNDERER

2.10 Quality. 2.40 Steve Ford. 3.10 Factor Ten. 3.45 Cullane Lake. 4.20 Victor Bravo. 4.55 Tidebrook. 5.25 Otago Heights. 5.55 Win The Toss.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 STREBEL BOILERS & RADIATORS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,232: 2m) (6 runners)

1 41P KINGS WITNESS 51 (D,S) P Nicholls 11-5 P Hide
2 3416 QUALITY 30 (D,G) P Hobbs 11-5 N Williamson
3 002 HISAR 42 C Brooks 10-12 G Bradley
4 0F SHAWKEY 49 D McCain 10-12 D Walsh
5 AMBROSIA G Hubbard 10-7 P Henley (3)
6 000 SOCIETY GIRL 51 J O'Shea 10-7 Michael Brennan (3)

5-4 Kings Witness, 11-4 Quality, 3-1 Hisar, 8-1 Ambrosia, 12-1 Society Girl, 20-1 Shawkey

2.40 STANTON PLC HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,913: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 15P3 ROLFE 133 (B,CD,F,G) S Brookshaw 7-11-10 D Walsh
2 5441 CLAIRESWAN 46 (V,F,S) M Tompkins 5-11-0 J Railton
3 /14- DRUMMOND WARRIOR 542 (D,F) T Thomson Jones 8-10-7 N Williamson
4 U632 STEVE FORD 12 (G) C Morlock 8-10-4 J R Kavanagh
5 4450 INNOCENT GEORGE 14 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-10-0 T Siddall (7)

5-4 Claireswan, 7-2 Drummond Warrior, 4-1 Steve Ford, 5-1 Rolfe, 8-1 Innocent George

3.10 WATERAID HANDICAP CHASE

(£6,782: 3m 2f) (5)

1 -5P0 SIBTON ABBEY 53 (D,F,G,S) G Hubbard 12-11-10 Michael Brennan (3)
2 1P12 FACTOR TEN 169 (C,F,G) Miss H Knight 9-11-8 J F Titley
3 13U5 COURT MELODY 14 (B,D,G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-4 P Hide
4 212P LORD RELIC 51 (G,S) S Brookshaw 11-10-13 D Walsh
5 4351 LE MEILLE 18 (CD,F,G) K Burke 8-10-11 N Williamson

7-4 Le Meille, 11-4 Factor Ten, 7-2 Court Melody, 6-1 Lord Relic, 8-1 Sibton Abbey

3.45 PETER J DOUGLAS ENGINEERING LORD GYLLENE MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,469: 2m 5f) (9)

1 3P11 JASILU 8 (B,C,D,F,G) K Bailey 7-12-0 S McNeill
2 6313 KADARI 33 (V,F,G,S) W Clay 8-11-0 Guy Lewis (3)
3 4112 QUICK QUOTE 33 (BF,F) Mrs I McKie 7-10-9 L Harvey
4 -465 WONDERFULL POLLY 84 (G) P Nicholls 9-10-4 P Hide
5 4410 CULLANE LAKE 35 (BF,G) Miss M Milligan 7-10-1 N Williamson
6 U363 GEMMA'S WAGER 67 M Campion 7-10-0 W McFarland
7 0064 JOY FOR LIFE 14 R Stronge 6-10-0 G Tormey
8 /FP MINDYEROWNBUSINESS 33 R Lee 8-10-0 J Railton
9 0540 LAMBRINI 33 (B) D McCain 7-10-0 D Walsh

7-4 Jasilu, 7-2 Quick Quote, 9-2 Kadari, 6-1 Wonderfull Polly, 7-1 Cullane Lake, 14-1 Mindyerownbusiness, 16-1 others

4.20 SEDGWICK UK RISK SERVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,927: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 2-12 NIRVANA PRINCE 15 (CD,F,S) B Preece 8-12-0 DOUBTFUL
2 2210 SMITH TOO 30 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-9 R Garrard (7)
3 1166 VICTOR BRAVO 15 (B,C,D,F,G) N Gaselee 10-11-9 C Llewellyn
4 1235 OATIS ROSE 21 (G,S) M Sheppard 7-10-10 X Aizpuru (5)
5 124P SHARE OPTIONS 15 (F,G) T Easterby 6-10-9 L Wyer
6 5P64 ULURU 9 (CD,F,G) C Morlock 9-10-4 J R Kavanagh
7 52-P HI HEDLEY 14 (F) G Hubbard 7-10-0 P Henley (3)
8 0642 DERRING BRIDGE 14 (D,F,S) Mrs S Johnson 7-10-0 N Williamson
9 -056 NEEDWOOD POPPY 42 (C,G) B Morgan 9-10-0 B Clifford
10 406F AMILLIONMEMORIES 53 (D,F,G) Mrs B Waring 7-10-0 E Byrne

5-2 Smith Too, 4-1 Victor Bravo, Oatis Rose, 7-1 Share Options, 8-1 Derring Bridge, 10-1 Hi Hedley, 16-1 others.

4.55 BIFFA WASTE NOVICES CHASE

(£2,866: 2m) (6)

1 /51 TIDEBROOK 9 (D,G) K Bailey 7-11-6 N Williamson
2 U214 NIGHT BOAT 32 (G) W Clay 6-11-0 Guy Lewis (3)
3 U/4 SPECTRE BROWN 80 F Jestin 7-11-0 Mr T J Barry (7)
4 F450 THE FENCE SHRINKER 40 D McCain 6-11-0 D Walsh
5 .64 ARCTIC BLOOM 19 C Ratcliffe 11-10-9 Mr C Mulhall
6 1304 ZINE LANE 45 (F,G) J O'Shea 5-10-8 Michael Brennan (3)

4-5 Tidebrook, 5-2 Zine Lane, 6-1 Night Boat, 14-1 Arctic Bloom, The Fence Shrinker, 20-1 Spectre Brown.

5.25 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,609: 2m) (16)

1 0 ANOTHER RUMPUS 42 C Morlock 5-11-5 D Forth
2 4 BUCKLEY HOUSE 19 J Charlton 5-11-5 P Hide
3 0 CHOCOLATE DRUM 14 J Bafield 6-11-5 M Moloney
4 4 COUNT KARMUSKI 65 W Jenks 5-11-5 T Jenks
5 3 FRENCH COUNTY 33 J Jenkins 5-11-5 N Williamson
6 66 HOMME DE FER 45 (BF) K Bailey 5-11-5 S McNeill
7 0 LIGHTENING STEEL 31 D Caro 6-11-5 J F Titley
8 0 OTAGO HEIGHTS 152 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 D Leahy
9 0 SKILLWISE 14 T Easterby 5-11-5 L Wyer
10 00 DONNYBROOK 14 R Woodhouse 4-11-0 B Grattan (5)
11 0R NIRVANA PRINCESS 42 B Preece 5-11-0 J Mogford (7)
12 00 TABBITTS HILL 77 P Webber 5-11-0 Mr P Scott
13 5 TOTEM FOLE 33 Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 P Niven
14 3 VALHALLA 14 M Todhunter 4-11-0 A P McCoy
15 0 COQUETTISH 91 J Hetherton 4-10-9 O Pears
16 6 GILSAN STAR 19 C Fairhurst 4-10-9 G Bradley

2-1 Valhalla, 6-1 Totem Fole, 13-2 French County, 7-1 Otago Heights, 8-1 Homme De Fer, 10-1 Count Karmuski, Skillwise, 14-1 others.

5.55 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,599: 2m) (16)

1 0 MICHIGAN BLUE 42 W Jenks 5-11-5 T Jenks
2 0 NO TIME TO WAIT 21 W Haigh 6-11-5 O Pears
3 3 SQUADDIE 93 J Payne 5-11-5 A P McCoy
4 40 THE GNOME 57 (BF) G Moore 5-11-5 N Hannity (7)
5 5 TROUBLE AHEAD 8 K Bailey 6-11-5 S McNeill
6 0-0 TRYMYPLY 144 H Webb 5-11-5 D Forth (3)
7 0- WIN THE TOSS 395 C Egerton 5-11-5 N Williamson
8 5P DESERT WAY 31 Miss H Knight 4-11-0 J F Titley
9 00 GOOD TIME DANCER 77 P Webber 5-11-0 Mr A Sansome
10 0 HACK ON 14 P Hobbs 5-11-0 G Tormey
11 0 OUTRAGEOUS AFFAIR 42 A James 5-11-0 C Llewellyn
12 0 PAUSE FOR THOUGHT 74 Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 P Niven
13 50 SALMON CELLAR 33 J Jefferson 4-11-0 L Wyer
14 50 MAZZELMO 33 A Bailey 4-10-9 T Siddall (7)
15 2 MURCHAN TYNE 35 E Alston 4-10-9 L Cummins (7)
16 60 WHAT THE DEVIL 45 J Smith 4-10-9 W Worthington

5-1 Squaddie, 6-1 Murchan Tyne, Trouble Ahead, 7-1 Win The Toss, 8-1 Pause For Thought, 10-1 The Gnome, Desert Way, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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JOCKEYS: J Titley, 9 winners from 34 rides, 26.5%; G Bradley, 10 from 38, 26.3%; P Niven, 6 from 23, 26.1%; A P McCoy, 15 from 61, 24.6%; D Walsh, 5 from 23, 21.7%; G Tormey, 9 from 46, 19.6%.

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NEWS

Blair hails a new dawn

■ Tony Blair hailed a new dawn yesterday as he strode into Downing Street and promised to unite the nation. The youngest Prime Minister since 1812 was mobbed by an enthusiastic crowd as he and his young family made their way to the country's most famous address. He promised to run a new Labour Government based on compassion and decency and announced the jobs of seven members of his top team .... Pages 1, 2-11, 20

Clarke goes for the leadership

■ Kenneth Clarke became the first candidate to throw his hat into the ring for the Conservative leadership after John Major said he was standing down. John Redwood held back from formally announcing a challenge .... Pages 1, 9, 21

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Labour's team in the Millbank Tower worked minute-by-minute to dominate the political environment. An American journalist's inside story .... Page 4

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Father saves son

A father was feared to have drowned after saving his son by lashing him to a buoy after their dingy capsized at sea .... Page 15

Inhumane deportation

Trying to deport a drugs smuggler is inhumane because he is dying from Aids, the European Court of Human Rights ruled .... Page 16

Angola fears

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US budget pact

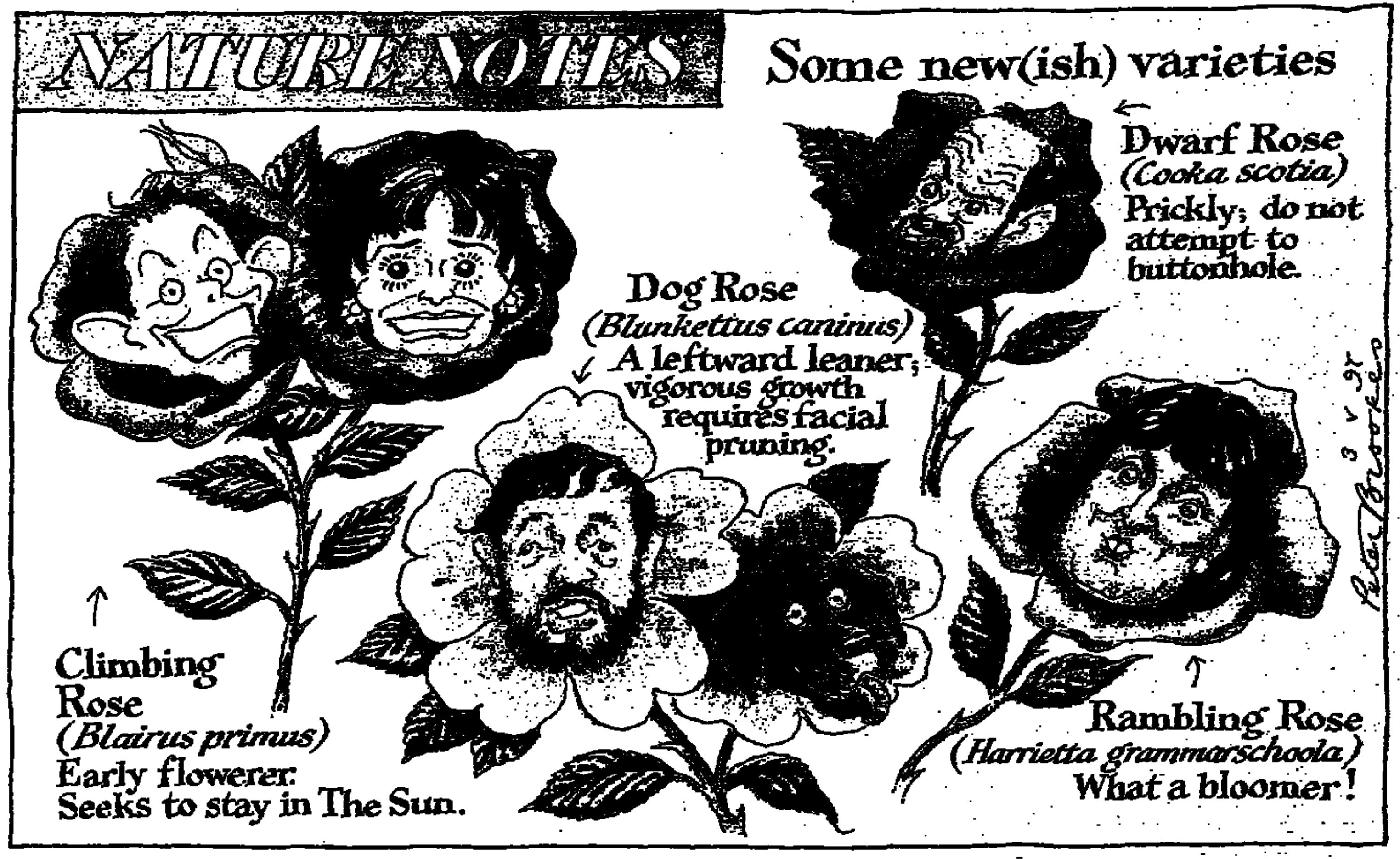
President Clinton and congressional Republicans were poised to reach a pact to balance the US government budget .... Page 18

Model couples

The Polish President and his ambitious wife seemed to be modelled on the Clintons. Now the Blairs are more in vogue .... Page 19

Major is back in the pavilion

■ Cricket is balm to a troubled Englishman's soul, and John Major went to the Oval to put his world-turned-upside-down into some kind of perspective. "You got a bit of a dodgy LBW decision, mate," said a fellow enthusiast. Mr Major replied in kind: "Yes, but the umpire's decision is final" .... Pages 1, 26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Dwarf Rose (Cooka scotia) Prickly; do not attempt to buttonhole.
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Peter Brookes

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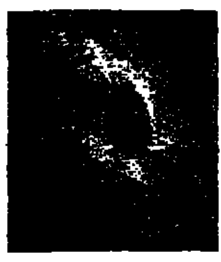

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A £20 book token will be awarded to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The names of the winners and the solution will be published next Saturday.

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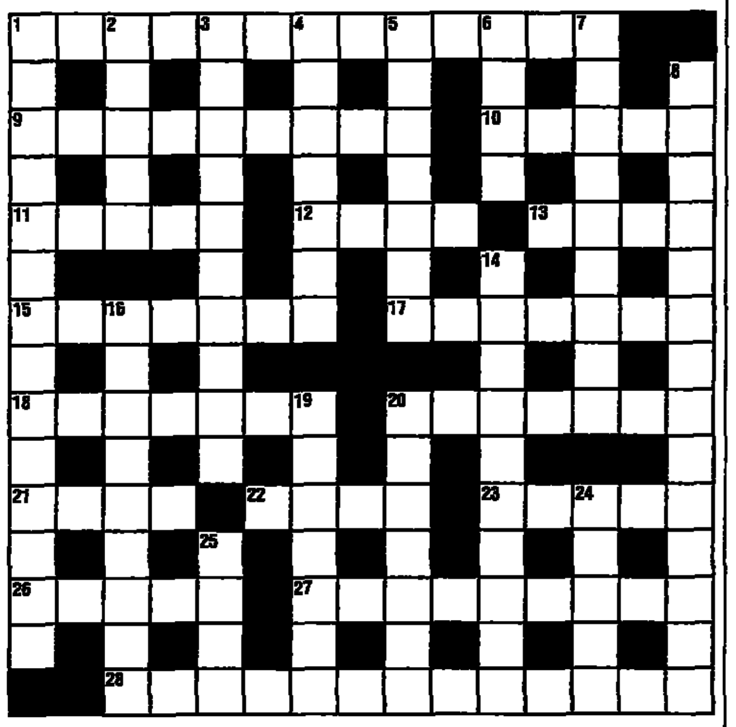

ACROSS

1 Through family feud, sign provided for would-be king (6,7).
9 A lot of codeine mixed with alcohol produces improper behaviour (9).
10 Having beer belly from drink (5).
11 Concede match (5).
12 Bristly parts cut from front of grassy areas (4).
13 Read superficially the beginning of Scarlett O'Hara (4).
15 Interweave ten pieces, finishing up with sack, perhaps (7).
17 Practical morality not quite achieved by a learner (7).
18 Extend beyond closed circuit (7).
20 Turncoat's initial cause for disloyalty (7).
21 Face setback (4).
22 Circus performer for the high jump (4).
23 A daughter, born after '51, unplanned (2,3).
26 Weird source of effluent in lake (5).
27 After dreadful scene by councillor party is getting noisier (9).
28 Single-seater hitting flak (8,5).

DOWN

1 Having served with patrol, one repeatedly given order (7,7).
2 Warning system run by playschool? (5).
3 Nice bride left in distress — extraordinary! (10).
4 Brought up fresh rations for combat (7).
5 Type of, say, foreign royal once (7).
6 Executed poem in this language (4).
7 Decisive blows — only the very best survive them (9).
8 Obstacle created by second collapsing building (9-5).
14 They do some paperwork — when not busy with punctures? (10).
16 Long-haired fellow endlessly pushed around in the Treasury (9).
19 Rod and whip needed for wild animal (7).
20 The sort of deal that gets lower classes into coach (5-2).
24 Breather one takes in a loincloth (5).
25 Nearly discharge troops for protest (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,464

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: M H Parker, Curzon Park, Chester; J Mills, Mount Pleasant, Washington, Tyne and Wear; D L McDonnall, Burgess Hill, West Sussex; I Greatorex, Staines, Mddx; J Brown, St Mildred's Court, Walmer, Deal, Kent.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY
Sun rises: 5.29 am
Sun sets: 8.27 pm
Moon sets 4.14 pm
Moon rises 4.03 am
New moon May 6
London 8.27 pm to 5.27 am
Bristol 8.37 pm to 5.37 am
Edinburgh 8.56 pm to 5.23 am
Manchester 8.42 pm to 5.28 am
Penzance 8.44 pm to 5.53 am

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 5.27 am
Sun sets: 8.29 pm
Moon sets 5.31 pm
Moon rises 4.31 am
New moon May 6
London 8.29 pm to 5.25 am
Bristol 8.38 pm to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 8.58 pm to 5.20 am
Manchester 8.44 pm to 5.26 am
Penzance 8.46 pm to 5.51 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.41	6.7	-	-
Aberdeen	11.12	3.8	-	-
Avonmouth	04.40	11.7	17.15	11.9
Belfast	08.41	3.2	21.27	3.2
Cardiff	04.26	10.9	17.01	11.0
Devonport	03.05	4.9	15.52	5.0
Dover	08.57	6.0	21.21	6.2
Dublin (N Wall)	09.27	3.9	22.12	3.9
Falmouth	02.36	4.7	15.23	4.6
Greenock	10.16	3.1	22.42	3.1
Harwich	09.31	3.7	21.50	3.6
Holyhead	08.06	5.1	20.50	5.1
Hull (Albert D)	04.09	7.8	16.15	8.0
Ilfracombe	03.35	8.1	16.09	8.2
King's Lynn	04.17	5.7	16.22	6.0
Leith	00.08	4.9	12.35	5.0
Liverpool	08.57	8.6	21.36	8.7
Lowestoft	07.36	2.2	19.18	2.3
Margate	09.53	4.4	22.01	4.4
Milford Haven	03.49	6.1	16.25	6.1
Newquay	02.48	6.1	15.23	6.2
Oban	03.54	3.5	16.25	3.2
Penzance	02.14	4.9	14.51	4.9
Portland	04.03	1.5	16.48	1.6
Portsmouth	09.18	4.2	21.52	4.5
Shoreham	09.03	5.5	21.35	5.9
Southampton	08.32	4.1	21.06	4.4
Swansea	03.57	8.5	16.32	8.6
Tees	01.17	4.8	13.29	4.9
Walton-on-N	09.30	3.9	21.50	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Baltasound, Shetland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Aultbea, Highland, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 15hr.

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FORECAST

General: England and Wales will have a fine, sunny morning after dawn mist has cleared but showers will develop, especially in the South West. It will be quite warm inland but onshore winds will keep coasts cooler.

Northern Ireland will have some sunshine before showers bubble up later in the day. Scotland will be largely cloudy. The west and the Northern Isles will have bright or sunny intervals but the east mainland will catch light rain or drizzle. Top temperatures will be near normal but North Sea coasts will be quite chilly.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** sunny morning, showery rain later. Wind south or southeast mainly light. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, N W England, Lake District, Central N England, NE England:** sunny spells, perhaps thundery showers. Wind east or southeast mainly light. Max 21C (70F).

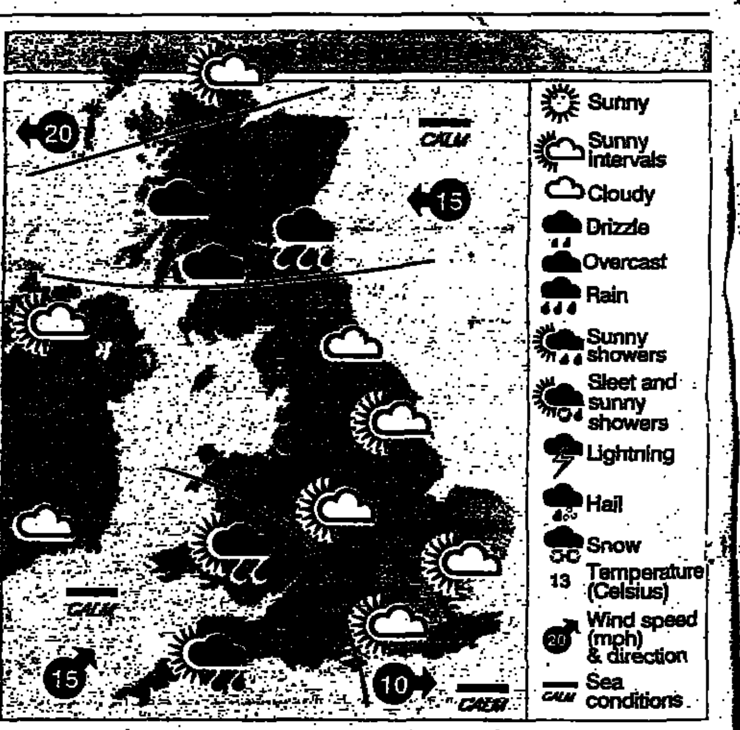
☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny start but showers by midday or so. Wind south or southwest light or moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** cloudy, rain or drizzle in places. Wind mainly east light or moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland:** cloudy, bright or sunny intervals. Wind mainly east light or moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright or sunny intervals, perhaps the odd shower. Wind between north and east mainly light. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain in most districts, turning to snow on northern hills.



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

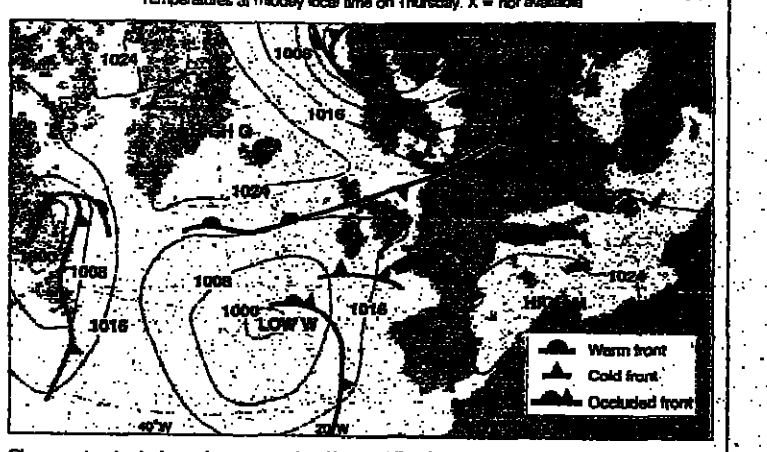
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun	Rain	Max				Sun	Rain	Max		
	hrs	in	C	F			hrs	in	C	F	
Aberdeen	4.8	-	13	55	b	Leuchars	10.1	-	22	72	s
Anglesey	13.7	-	22	72	s	Littlehmptn	12.6	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	13.3	-	17	63	s	London	13.7	-	27	81	s
Aviemore	2.5	-	17	63	c	Lowestoft	12.3	-	21	70	s
Belfast	13.3	-	21	70	s	Manchester	13.5	-	22	72	s
Birmingham	13.9	-	24	75	s	Margate	13.7	-	24	75	s
Bognor R	14.0	-	21	70	s	Minehead	13.2	-	24	75	s
Bournem'th	13.8	-	21	70	s	Morecambe	13.8	-	19	66	s
Bristol	13.1	-	25	77	s	Newcastle	11.7	-	22	72	s
Buxton	13.7	-	22	72	s	Newquay	13.9	-	21	70	s
Cardiff	13.7	-	22	72	s	Norwich	13.4	-	24	75	s
Clacton	13.8	-	14	57	s	Oxford	12.5	-	24	75	s
Cleethorpes	11.8	-	22	72	s	Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	12.4	-	17	63	s	Poole	15.0	-	21	70	s
Cromer	13.1	-	20	68	s	Prestatyn	X				
Dunbar	10.3	-	21	70	s	Ross-o-wye	12.7	-	25	77	s
Eastbourne	13.0	-	21	70	s	Ryde	14.2	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	12.2	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	13.1	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	6.5	-	19	66	s	Sandown	13.7	-	17	63	s
Exmouth	13.5	-	18	64	s	Sauntn Snd	13.3	-	24	75	s
Falmouth	13.4	-	15	59	s	Scarboro'	11.5	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	13.6	-	21	70	s	Shanklin	13.7	-	17	63	s
Folkestone	13.5	-	22	72	s	Shrewsbury	X				
Glasgow	11.4	-	21	70	s	Skegness	13.4	-	23	73	s
Guernsey	12.2	-	22	72	s	Southend	13.2	-	21	70	s
Hastings	13.4	-	21	70	s	Southport	13.2	-	19	66	s
Hayling I.	13.4	-	19	66	s	Southsea	13.8	-	19	66	s
Herne Bay	12.8	-	24	75	s	Stornoway	0.1	0.06	11	52	r
Hove	11.8	-	19	66	s	Swanage	13.7	-	15	59	s
Hunstanton	X	-	23	73	s	Teignmouth	13.7	-	15	59	s
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	13.9	-	20	68	s
Isle of Man	12.4	-	16	61	s	Tiree	8.9	-	15	59	c
Jersey	13.2	-	25	77	s	Torquay	13.7	-	20	68	s
Kinloss	3.4	-	14	57	b	Ventnor	13.3	-	19	66	s
Leeds	13.4	-	24	75	s	West-s-mare	13.0	-	25	77	s
Lerwick	1.5	0.01	9	48	b	Weymouth	14.0	-	17	63	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	20	68	f	Corfu	19	66	f	Majorca	23	73	f	Rome	21	70	f
Akrotiri	20	68	s	C'phagn	15	59	f	Malaga	21	70	s	S Fr'isco	14	57	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	16	61	s	Malta	17	63	f	S Paulo	27	81	f
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Melb'rne	23	73	c	Salzburg	11	52	c
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	25	77	s	Santiago	24	75	s
Athens	16	61	c	Florence	21	70	f	Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	21	70	s
B Aires	27	81	s	Frankfurt	16	61	s	Milan	23	73	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	30	86	c	Funchal	20	68	s	Montreal	18	64	s	St'kholm	14	57	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	15	59	s	Moscow	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Barbados	30	86	c	Gibraltar	20	68	f	Munich	12	54	c	Sydney	23	73	f
Barcelona	19	66	s	Helsinki	10	50	s	N Delhi	34	93	s	Tangier	23	73	s
Beirut	23	73	f	Hong K	25	77	s	N York	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Belgrade	17	63	f	Innsbrck	11	52	c	Nairobi	19	66	c	Tenerife	23	73	c
Berlin	11	52	c	Istanbul	11	52	f	Naples	19	66	f	Tokyo	21	70	f
Bermuda	21	70	f	Jeddah	33	91	s	Nice	21	70	s	Toronto	7	45	r
Biarritz	22	72	s	Jo'burg	20	68	s	Oslo	15	59	f	Tunis	19	66	f
Borde'x	22	72	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Paris	19	66	s	Valencia	23	73	s
Brussels	15	59	s	L Palmas	21	70	c	Peking	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	s
Budapest	19	66	f	Le Tquet	17	63	f	Perth	20	68	c	Venice	19	66	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Prague	9	48	c	Vienna	15	59	c
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Locarno	22	72	X	Reykjavik	6	43	s	Warsaw	11	52	f
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	15	59	f	Rhodes	18	64	f	Wash'ton	24	75	f
Chicago	13	55	s	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	28	82	f	Wel'ngton	X		
Cologne	15	59	s	Madrid	22	72	s	Riyadh	36	97	s	Zurich	14	57	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Thursday. X = not available



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SATURDAY MAY 3 1997

Shares close at a record despite cautious welcome for Labour

Election result lifts market

By Alasdair Murray and Philip Bassett

THE stock market greeted the election result by climbing to a new high yesterday. Expectations of an early rise in interest rates also helped sterling, which edged up against the mark.

Business leaders gave the new Government a cautious welcome, in spite of wariness on Labour's policies on tax and employment. But there was also evidence that business could face early pressure to implement the new Government's policies on trade union recognition. Bifu, the banking union, is demanding that Midland Bank restore its negotiating rights on behalf of 9,000 junior and middle managers.

The FT-SE 100 recovered from an early fall of 21 points to close up 10.6 at 4,455.6, setting a new record for the second consecutive day.

With any fears of a hung Parliament decisively dispelled, dealers were concentrating on Wall Street, where softer than expected employment data prompted another rise in the Dow Jones index. By mid-afternoon the Dow was up 26.49 at 7,002.97.

The pound suffered some jitters in early trading but was helped to regain lost ground by the strong dollar. Sterling's trade weighted index closed unchanged at 99.7, having at one stage fallen more than one point to 98.5. Against the dollar the pound closed down about half a cent at $1.6180, while it finished at DM2.7964, compared with DM2.7912 yesterday.

Dealers expect greater volatility in the markets in coming weeks with Gordon Brown expected to raise interest rates and possibly taxes. The market is predicting that Mr Brown will make a quarter point rate rise after the scheduled monthly meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England on Wednesday. But the new Chancellor is likely to be torn between trying to establish instant anti-inflation credibility — perhaps with even a half point rise — and arguing that he has not had time to weigh up all the options.

There is also likely to be increasing nervousness over the contents of Labour's mini-Budget — likely to be announced on July 1. Utility share prices fell yesterday on suspicions that Labour will raise more than forecast from the windfall tax. The City fears that Mr Brown may also target the corporate and pension sectors.

Ann Robinson, Director General of the National Association of Pension Funds, warned the new Government that tampering with the fiscal regime for pension savings, "Will be very damaging to all its members and the millions of people who benefit from their schemes".

Business leaders also expressed concern over Labour's plans for the minimum wage. Scottish & Newcastle, the leading brewer, warned against a quick imposition of a uniform wage rate. It said: "Labour has committed to consulting widely on the minimum wage and it is essential that such consultation takes place."

Adair Turner, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, said it was looking forward to "working with Labour to create the policies that will help British business to flourish".

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, said: "The Labour Party has reasonably reassured us that they are in the business of working with business.

Leaders of the British Chambers of Commerce also hailed Labour's victory, but coupled it with a six-point challenge to the new Government, including an early decision on joining a single currency and using taxes to stave off inflation.

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Pearson may fight for £100m lost at Penguin

By Eric Reguly

PEARSON is preparing legal moves in America to recover the £100 million loss caused by improper accounting in its Penguin books subsidiary.

Pearson said at its annual meeting yesterday that it is considering claims "for recovery against one or more third parties". It would not provide details, but potential targets are thought to include Arthur Andersen, former auditor of Penguin's US business, and the Penguin accounts clerk in New Jersey who extended unauthorised discounts to book retailers from 1991 to 1996, and is now believed to have personally benefited from this.

Retailers that benefited from the discounts could also face legal action.

The unauthorised discounts of 5 to 10 per cent were offered to retailers in exchange for prompt payment. A £100 million charge against 1996 profits covers the value of the discounts, the cost of the investigation and the rebates that may be demanded by any retailer not offered discounts. The American Booksellers Association is already seeking compensation from Penguin.

Pearson said that the investigation by Price Waterhouse, the accounting firm, into unauthorised discounts is complete. The company said that it now believes that the accounts clerk, a middle-aged woman who earned about $45,000 a year, was motivated by "personal gain". In the past, it attributed her behaviour to an overzealous approach.

Marjorie Scardino, Pearson chief executive, said: "We are still investigating whether other people knew about it in her office."

The Penguin clerk's immediate supervisor has been suspended. Pearson would not say whether he is suspected of having gained personally.

Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman, who was succeeded yesterday by Dennis Stevenson, the GPA chairman and a non-executive Pearson director since 1986, said that the inquiry found that none of Penguin's senior managers was aware of the improper accounting. Peter Mayer was chief executive of Penguin at the time.

In a separate development, John Makinson, Pearson's finance director, said that defusing the "millennium bug" that stops computers recognising the year 2000 could cost it £30 million to £50 million.

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Dennis Stevenson with Marjorie Scardino

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK INDICES		
FTSE 100	4455.6	(+10.6)
Yield	3.63%	
FTSE All share	2142.25	(+3.36)
Nikkei	19514.75	(+239.42)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6998.96	(+22.48)*
S&P Composite	803.31	(+4.78)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5½%*	(6%)
Long Bond	96[illegible]*	(96[illegible])
Yield	6.93%*	(6.91%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6[illegible]%	(6[illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	111[illegible]	(110[illegible])
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6223*	(1.6240)
London:		
$	1.6182	(1.6240)
DM	2.7970	(2.7909)
FFr	9.4302	(9.4274)
SFr	2.3824	(2.3808)
Yen	205.07	(205.06)
£ Index	99.7	(99.7)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7265*	(1.7223)
FFr	5.8220*	(5.8085)
SFr	1.4665*	(1.4700)
Yen	126.49*	(126.58)
$ Index	106.0	(105.9)
Tokyo close Yen 126.65		
NORTH SEA		
Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.10	($18.45)
GOLD		
London close	$340.20	($340.80)

* denotes midday trading price

Globe-trotting outsider to be Saatchi chief

By Eric Reguly

CORDIANT, the £800 million a year advertising group, yesterday appointed a man with little advertising experience to run the demerged Saatchi & Saatchi agency.

Kevin Roberts, 47, is to become chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide later this month, replacing Ed Wax. Mr Wax, 60, a Saatchi & Saatchi veteran, will remain chairman until the end of this year and will become chairman emeritus in 1998.

Cordiant last month announced a full demerger that will see Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates Worldwide, its two main agencies, floated separately on the London and New York stock exchanges. Zenith, the media buying arm of Cordiant, is to be owned equally by the two companies after the demerger.

The Cordiant name will disappear upon demerger and Bob Seelert, Cordiant's chief executive, will become chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi PLC, the listed company that will own Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, the operating subsidiary. Mr Roberts will report directly to Mr Seelert.

A Cordiant spokesman said that Mr Roberts has agreed a salary that will not exceed Mr Wax's salary of about £500,000 a year. Mr Roberts's bonus and option package, however, could add considerably to his income. It will not be disclosed until the listing details are published in September.

Mr Roberts, who was born in Lancaster, spent the early years of his career working for Mary Quant, developing and marketing the fashion house's cosmetics. In the 1970s, he had stints with Gillette and Procter & Gamble, for which his brand responsibilities included Pampers, Tide and Ariel.

In the early 1980s, he joined Pepsi and worked in various regions, including the Middle East and Canada, until 1989, when he joined Lion Nathan, a New Zealand brewery.

Mr Roberts, a director of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, is married with three children, and has homes in Auckland, New York and London. He is proprietor of Gaults restaurant in Auckland, voted New Zealand's best restaurant earlier this year.

Mr Seelert said: "Kevin's diverse career has exposed him to the key disciplines essential to our business."

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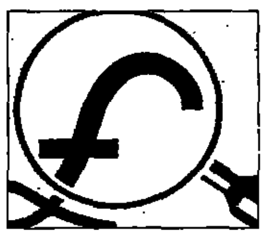

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What Labour means for your pocket

Northern Rock undercuts rivals

By Caroline Merrell

THE Northern Rock building society has defied the trend to dearer home loans with the launch of a 6.09 per cent variable rate mortgage, undercutting the Halifax by 1.25 per cent.

The Northern Rock loan will be offered through a new telephone-based division of the society, which plans to become a bank in October. The rate also comfortably undercuts the rate offered by the direct arm of the Bradford & Bingley. This society, which is committed to staying mutual, offers a rate of 6.24 per cent.

Adam Applegarth, Northern Rock's executive director, said that it could offer the low rate because it intended to take on only low-risk business. The new mortgage, Promise, will be available only to those who can put up a 15 per cent deposit. Monthly repayments on a £50,000, 6.09 per cent interest-only loan are £230. Northern Rock estimates that a borrower taking out this mortgage would save £220 a year in comparison with the average rate offered by other direct lenders, such as Direct Line and First Direct. Northern Rock's existing borrowers will not be able to take advantage of the new offer.

The Halifax and the Bradford & Bingley claimed that the rate offered by the Northern Rock was a short-term marketing ploy to take on new business. However, Gary Marsh, Halifax assistant general manager, said: "We will be keeping an eye on the situation to see if Northern Rock makes a big impact."

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Lanica sets date for relisting

By Fraser Nelson

LANICA, the investment trust run by Andrew Regan, will attempt to have its shares relisted this month by detailing its liability for claims against it by the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

The company, whose sister company Galileo aborted a £1.2 billion bid for the CWS last week, will also publish its 1996 results and hopes to clear all remaining obstacles to its relisting within four weeks.

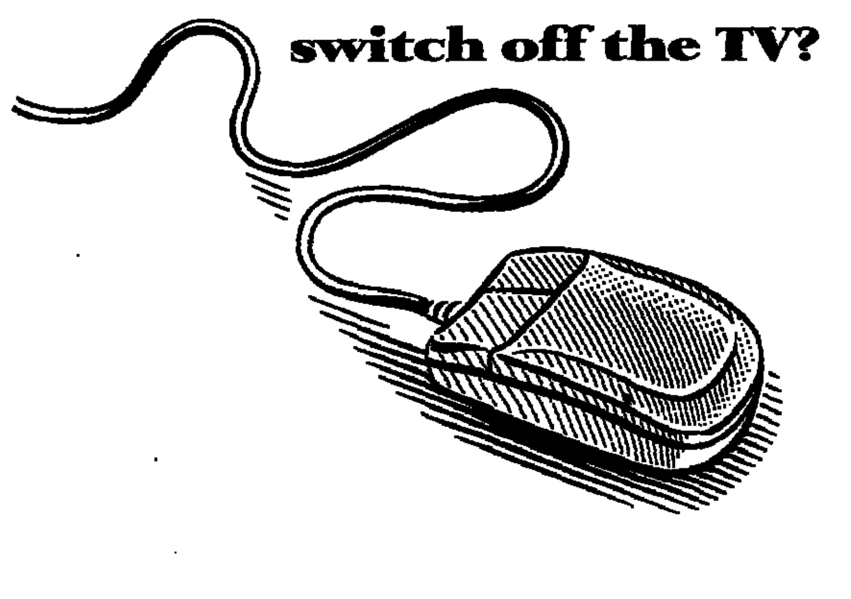
In a statement yesterday, Lanica promised that the shares would trade again as soon as its position is made clear. It said: "A statement of claim is required to be served by the CWS shortly. Lanica will seek legal advice as to the extent of its liability, if any."

The CWS has said it is looking for millions in damages from Mr Regan and David Lyons, who control 60 per cent of Lanica. Lanica said yesterday that Mr Regan and Mr Lyons "intend to contest these proceedings vigorously".

Although the legal battle could last months, the Stock Exchange has agreed to allow Lanica's shares to begin trading as soon as it makes its position clear. The shares were suspended at £19.50 on February 10 after it emerged that Mr Regan was planning a bid to break up the CWS.

When Mr Regan took over the trust in October last year, its shares shot from 140p to £20.50, but are expected to plunge immediately they are relisted.

Jupiter Asset Management, one of the City firms that agreed to back Galileo, said yesterday that it had severed links with Mr Regan.



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What does it take to make the U.S.A. switch off the TV?

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ELECTION '97

House shorn of business know-how

Norman: Tory success

THE NUMBER of MPs with direct experience of business is at a record low after the general election, sparking fears that the gap between politicians and industry is now dangerously wide.

A high number of MPs were returned in both parties with backgrounds in local government, law and teaching. Research by the Public Policy Unit suggests only 9 per cent of the new MPs have a background in business and industry.

None of Labour's leading MPs has strong business experience. Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor, is a former lecturer and TV editor. Alistair Darling, a potential Chief Treasury Secretary, is a former solicitor. Jack Cunningham, who is likely to get Industry, was a university fellow before entering politics. However, Margaret Beckett, the new President of the Board of Trade, did *spend five years as a metallurgist* with AEI.

The Public Policy Unit, a leading think tank, said yesterday: "In every election there is an overwhelming reduction in the number of MPs who have direct experience in industry. Yet these people are making vital decisions affecting businesses and industry.

"The nearest they come to business is visiting their local factory on the campaign trail. They have no understanding of small businesses and they don't know what it's like to *survive on a day-to-day basis.*"

Ruth Lea, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, said: "Many MPs have not had direct experience of business because they have been professional politicians. That applies to Brown, Cook, Prescott — I don't think any of them has actually had much experience in industry."

She went on: "Unless you have experience of something you can never understand what it's like. That doesn't necessarily mean that they will make bad politicians or bad chancellors. It's all a matter of how well advised they are by their civil services. The Labour Party have done quite a lot to get business on-side, and a lot of business people have gone over to them."

The number of Conservative MPs with business credentials has also plummeted after the poll. Among prominent losses were Ian Lang, the deposed President of the Board of Trade who was formerly a company director and insurance broker.

Several prospective candidates with business ties failed to get elected. Jason Hollands of the brokers BEst Investment fought Easington for the Conservatives but lost to Labour by more than 30,000 votes, while Sebastian Grigg of Goldman Sachs, also standing for the Conservative, lost Heywood and Middleton.

Among the few notable successes were Archie Norman, chairman of the Asda supermarket group, who won Tunbridge Wells for the Tories, and Howard Flight, Guinness Flight fund manager, took Arundel South Downs. Ruth Kelley, a former Bank of England economist, won Bolton North East for Labour.

NATHAN YATES AND CHRIS AYRES

Brown expected to target corporate sector in Budget

TAXATION

THE City is expecting the new Chancellor of the Exchequer to raise corporate taxes in his first Budget.

As Gordon Brown began work at the Treasury yesterday, there were also suggestions that his team is drawing up plans to alter capital gains tax as part of a policy aimed at encouraging long-term investment. A mooted petrol tax increase would hit business and private motorists.

City analysts believe that *manifesto promises have so* limited Mr Brown's scope to raise personal taxes that the scheduled July mini-Budget would have to target the corporate sector for increased revenue.

Mr Brown has hinted during the campaign that he believes there is a hole in the public spending plans and has said that he will commission an audit to examine the problem. There is also growing pressure from a number of economic think-tanks and business organisations, such as the CBI, to raise taxes — rather than interest rates — to help to cool the economy without further strengthening the pound.

Labour made only two specific mini-Budget pledges during the campaign — a windfall tax on utility profits and a reduction in VAT on fuel from *8 per cent to 5 per cent*.

The party actually ruled out any increases in income tax rates or National Insurance and said it would not extend VAT to products such as children's clothes, newspapers and public transport.

Labour's manifesto also said it would review the corporate and capital gains-tax system to see how the tax system can promote greater long-term investment.

Mr Brown is understood to have installed his long-standing advisers — Ed Balls, Charlie Wheelan and Ed Milliband — in a policy unit within the Treasury.

The new Chancellor has two options to increase corporate tax — reducing advanced corporation tax or raising company taxation levels.

A reduction in ACT, from 20 to 10 per cent, would be following a policy begun by Norman Lamont, a former Chancellor. ACT is taken from *companies' profits at source* rather than being paid out of dividends. It is an advance instalment of corporation tax which makes no difference to the total levied.

But when receiving dividends, higher rate taxpayers must make up the difference between ACT (currently 20 per cent) and their income tax rate of 40 per cent. This means they now pay 20 per cent of their dividend in tax, whereas if ACT were reduced to 10 per cent it would rise to 30 per cent.

Institutions, such as pension fund holders, who are not liable for tax can also claim back the ACT that has been paid by the company they hold shares in.

Price Waterhouse calculates that completely abolishing ACT would save the Government £3 billion.

A slightly more visible increase would be an additional 2 per cent on corporation tax, which would bring an extra £2 billion.

Mr Brown is believed to have a couple of early targets in the personal sector including the reduction of mortgage interest rate relief (Miras).

Currently, borrowers receive Miras at 15 per cent of the interest payments on the first £30,000 of their mortgage. Abolishing this would bring in an extra £2.7 billion.

ALASDAIR MURRAY AND NATHAN YATES

City puts money on a quarter-point rise

INTEREST RATES

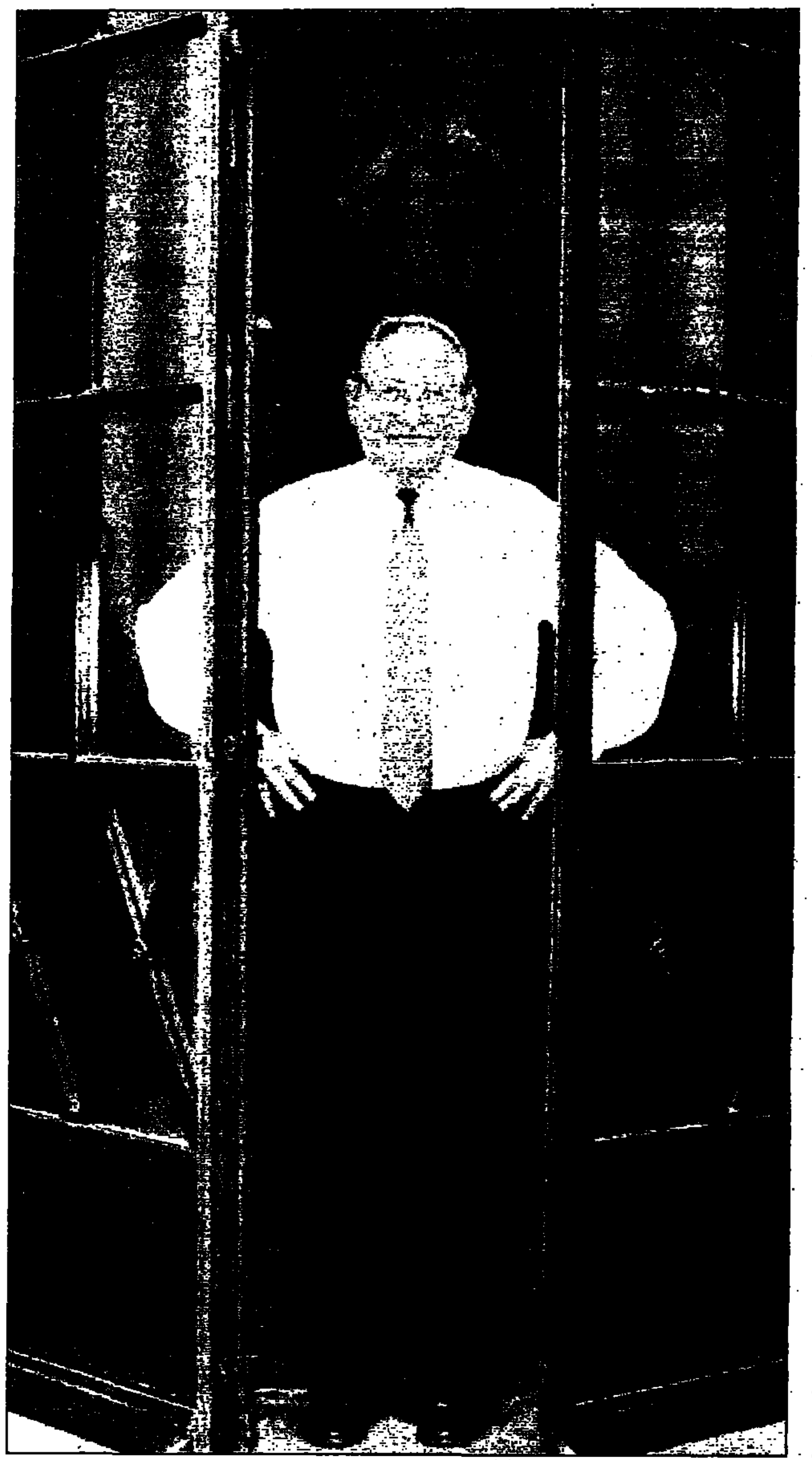
MR BROWN is likely to raise interest rates after his meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on Wednesday.

Mr Brown has outlined plans for a far-reaching shake-up of the Bank, broadening the Bank's monetary policy committee to include three or four outsiders. He has also said that he wants to announce interest rate decisions immediately after the meeting but will stick with publishing the minutes, although he wants a clearer explanation of the decision.

The new Chancellor is likely to be torn between trying to establish instant anti-inflation credibility by raising rates and arguing that he has not had time to weigh all the options and that a rate rise should be delayed until June.

Mr George has used the last few meetings to press for a quarter-point rise while some City analysts have called for a half-point rise because of fears that consumer spending and service sector growth may be accelerating out of control. The consensus in the City yesterday was that Mr Brown would make a quarter-point rise following the meeting.

ALASDAIR MURRAY


Ready Eddie: Mr George holds his first meeting with the new Chancellor on Wednesday

Business to urge care over setting of pay level

MINIMUM WAGE

LABOUR'S promised statutory minimum wage was causing business leaders concern yesterday.

Business believes that unless a national minimum wage is set very carefully, it will push up companies' costs *and lead to job losses.*

Significantly, most business leaders refrained from openly attacking the minimum wage policy, preferring to opt for emphasising that business now needed to work closely with the Government to implement it sensibly.

Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said that the "priority is now to ensure that the Government reflects business interests in the detail of implementation".

Chambers of commerce leaders gave a warning against setting a minimum wage that would harm competitiveness.

The Government will now ask business leaders to join a new Low Pay Commission to help it to set the level for its proposed statutory national minimum wage. Business leaders will join employees' representatives on the new body, expected to be roughly the size of a local authority council, to examine the issue of a minimum wage and to propose a minimum pay level for the first and subsequent *years of its operation.*

Ministers are keen to move its composition beyond the traditional Labour corporatist partners of the CBI and the Trades Union Congress, though both will be asked to nominate participants as part of the wider body.

The LPC is likely to be established as an independent body connected to the Department for Education and Employment. It will study the operation of minimum wages in countries used to operating such a system, including the US and Japan, before proposing *a specific wage level in* detail.

Ministers recognise that the setting of such a level is both a highly sensitive and highly technical exercise, and that it will have an economic impact well beyond the low-paid workers to whom it is meant to apply.

As well as helping to alleviate low pay — especially for women — ministers insist that a national minimum wage, set sensibly, will lead to reductions in the £4 billion currently spent on in-work benefits like Family Credit, which they believe act as a taxpayers' subsidy to employers paying very low wages.

Ministers will not be bound by the recommendations of the LPC, since the actual setting of a legal minimum wage will be for the Cabinet, though they accept that rejecting the Commission's advice would lead to a loss of its credibility, especially among business leaders.

The LPC is likely to be established, and to begin work, ahead of the Bill that will be required to establish a *statutory national minimum.* Ministers recognise that even if a minimum wage Bill is brought forward in the Queen's Speech on May 14, its provisions are unlikely to be in place before the late summer of next year at the earliest.

PHILIP BASSETT

Ministers to seek early action on computer bug

MILLENNIUM

THE new Government is to put pressure on public sector bodies to take account of the computer problems that loom with the year 2000.

Geoff Hoon, shadow minister of technology until the election, says it is vital that public sector bodies move quickly to combat the millennium bug. He says that delay will lead to an escalation of the cost of correcting systems. Mr Hoon said Labour will make dealing with the bug a matter of urgency and require government departments to produce impact reports well before the current August deadline.

He said: "I have been concerned for some time that the Government had not taken the issue seriously enough. There will be a limited amount of resource to combat this problem and it seems the private sector is getting in first."

The millennium bug will affect computers that store dates in two-digit format and will be unable to understand how "00" comes after "99". Government bodies, such as the Department of Social Security and the National Health Service, which keep most of their records in old-style computer systems, are in the highest-risk category.

Geoff Hoon says public sector bodies must move quickly

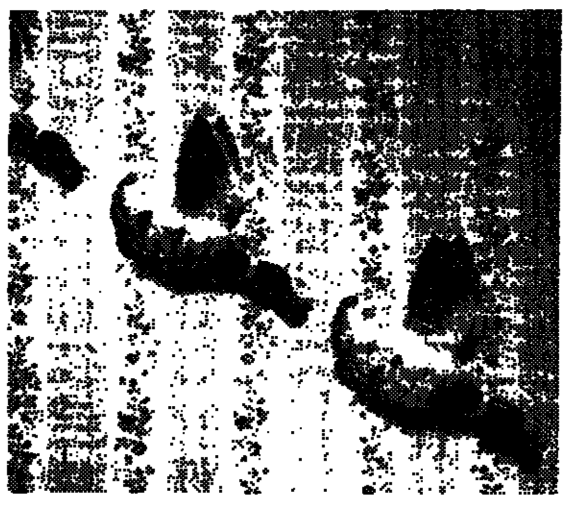
Robin Guenier, director of the Government-sponsored Taskforce 2000, last month costed the bill to the public sector at about £7 billion — a figure that he says can only be hypothetical because it is now too late to spend the sum.

He said: "We are now looking at radical prioritisation and even damage limitation because time and resources are disappearing fast. The millennium bug will come smack in the middle of the next Government's term, and it could be the most serious issue facing the nation since the BSE crisis. If the public sector is late in getting round to doing something, who is going to help them?"

Logica, the computer services group, has said that fees for correcting the millennium bug are likely to double within the next 12 months alone. The company, one of Britain's three largest computing groups, estimated that it would cost a medium-sized company £1.5 million to update old-style data now, but £3.3 million to do it next April.

Analysts say that introduction of a single European currency would require new computer spending that would dwarf the millennium problem. Although many firms are adapting their computers to recognise dates in the next century, hardly any have capacity to account for a two-tier currency system.

FRASER NELSON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A WORKING WEEK FOR: MASOUD ALIKHANI

Capitalist who shares an office with Castro

Middlesex Holdings is led by a Muslim who once worked on a kibbutz. **Jason Nissé** meets a man who ventures where others fear to tread

Masoud Alikhani's financial background combines with a willingness to do business where other Western companies fear to tread, particularly Russia

THERE are not many chief executives of public companies who have pictures of Che Guevara and Fidel Castro on their wall. And there are not many Iranian Muslims who have worked on a kibbutz in Israel and were educated at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Indeed, there are not many metals trading groups that are used as financial advisers by Gazprom, the giant Russian group that claims to be the world's largest gas company. In fact, Masoud Alikhani and his company, Middlesex Holdings, have many claims to be unique.

Perched on the top floor of a bright white office block overlooking Swiss Cottage in north London, Middlesex's offices give off a strongly international feel. Alikhani and Farhad Moshiri, his managing director, are both from Iran, but are now naturalised British subjects. Lord Owen, the former Foreign Secretary, is the chairman and the board also boasts Alexander Vladislavlev, who was deputy to Eduard Shevardnadze as Foreign Minister of the USSR. Alikhani's office is cluttered with mementos of his upbringing and travels. Pride of place goes to a series of pictures by Raul Corral Fomos, the Cuban who was chosen by Fidel Castro as the official photographer of the revolution that put him in charge of Cuba. Apart from an early shot of Castro picking his way through the jungle there is a portrait of Che Guevara, the Bolivian revolutionary, Ernest Hemingway and Gregory, the fisherman who was the inspiration for Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea.* Alikhani picked the set up when he visited Cuba on a business trip and spotted a picture on the desk on the trade minister. He effected an introduction to Corral who gave Alikhani the originals.

> ❛If we don't like what's on offer we just eat caviar, he smiles❜

The trip to Cuba produced little financial benefit, but it shows Alikhani's willingness to do business in places where other Western companies fear to tread. Alikhani and Moshiri spend large amounts of their time in the former Soviet Union, either setting up financial deals or visiting their joint ventures in southern Russia, the Urals and Tajikistan.

Until Moshiri came on board last year and Middlesex set up a Russian office, Alikhani was travelling east as often as twice a week. Even now he expects to be in the former Soviet Union at least eight days a month. Unlike many businessmen, he is unconcerned about the supposed high level of crime in Russia, which he says is exaggerated.

A large bull of a man with a broad Middle Eastern face, Alikhani does not use a bodyguard in Russia, claiming that having one makes you more of a target as it signals that you might have something worth protecting. Travelling round the former Soviet Union can be a problem. Alikhani tends to fly by Aeroflot and is highly fatalistic about the airline's safety record. However, he often charters an aircraft to visit Middlesex's joint venture steelmill in southern Russia. Although it is only 650 miles from Moscow, there is no direct flight and the train takes 15 hours.

Accommodation is usually good at the plants because they were designed by French and German engineers, who built their own guest-houses before they started work. Food in Tajikistan is to Alikhani's liking, being identical to Persian cuisine. But even though all the factories in Russia have their own farms as they were set up as self-sufficient co-operatives, the food can be questionable. "If we don't like what's on offer we just eat caviar," Alikhani smiles.

Russians like to drink vodka to celebrate deals and the drinking can be quite heavy. "The Russians have an interesting habit of making toasts," Alikhani explains. "This is very important in doing business and living with Russians. You cannot drink unless you make a toast and when someone makes a toast everyone has to have at least a sip. Russians use toasts to get problems out in the open. They will say: 'Here is a toast to Michael who I am unhappy with because of so and so, but he is my brother so I love him'. If they make an important toast, to Russia or to their mother, you have to drain the glass."

Alikhani's understanding of Russia, its traditions and its people put him at a great advantage. Other British groups such as Boots, BG and Unilever are now rushing into Russia, but Middlesex has an advantage, because it has been involved there since 1988.

Alikhani's interest in Russia was sparked by his son Arian, who wanted to study in Moscow. He decided to travel with Arian to see perestroika in action. "It was interesting for both of us," remembers Alikhani. "I went as a young person to a kibbutz in 1961 and Russia was just like going back to a kibbutz. The people were very idealisitic and positive. I could see there were opportunities, but I did not know where they lay."

His first deal was backing a bakery business. Alikhani had been approached by a business contact who wanted him to raise $1 million for a venture, but he talked down the figures. "Russian people are always too ambitious," he says. "They never say they want to go to the moon, they always want to go to Mars."

Alikhani pointed to the queues for bread. He told his Russian associates that he could buy ovens and baking equipment from Israel and they could sell bread. The venture was a massive success, expanding to two other Russian cities.

This inspired Alikhani to give up his job with Prudential-Bache, the US securities firm, and concentrate on business opportunities in Russia. He soon found himself involved in metals trading when he came across an aluminium smelting plant in Tajikistan that had been built by Pechiney, the French group, for the Soviet Government. The smelter was suffering because it did not have the foreign currency to buy the raw materials for aluminium. Alikhani raised the finance in the West to buy the raw materials and was paid in finished aluminium, which he sold at the London Metals Exchange.

He soon moved into other raw materials such as steel, copper and timber and, in November 1993, reversed his Russian interests into Middlesex. The group started as the vehicle for Phil Edmonds, the former England cricketer who gave up spinning to take on the world of commerce, without much luck. With a quoted vehicle, Alikhani could give his Russian partners the confidence that they were being taken seriously in the West.

Alikhani's long-term commitment to Russia is a great benefit. "Russian friends call me the farmer. They say: 'Masoud has the patience of a farmer' because a farmer plants a tree for the next generation. They say I am not here to make a fast buck." The Russians could not be closer to the truth, as Alikhani started life as the son of a farmer in central Iran, 56 years ago. Fascinated by the revolutionary farming techniques being used in Israel, he studied agronomy at the Hebrew University, something that would be unthinkable in the highly charged Middle East of today. Returning to Iran he worked as an agricultural engineer for six years before joining Du Pont, the giant US chemicals group, as its representative in Iran. The Seventies were a period of boom in Iran and Alikhani expanded his interests into a whole series of business ventures. But the writing was on the wall.

The fundamentalist revolution in 1979 could have been a disaster for Alikhani. Not only did he have connections with the "great Satans" of the US and Israel, but also his wife was Jewish. A strike closed the schools for six months before the revolution and gave Alikhani the opportunity to move his family to London. With Tehran in turmoil, he joined them.

For a couple of years he harboured thoughts of returning. "I didn't do much. I read a lot and played tennis and walked on Hampstead Heath." Eventually he decided he was not going back to Iran, applied for British citizenship and took a job as a financial consultant for Pru-Bache.

Alikhani's original job was to sell financial products to the Middle East, but, increasingly, he became interested in working for himself. This financial background has helped Alikhani in his latest role as financial adviser to Gazprom. The giant Russian group brought Middlesex in to help it with its financing needs, as it is facing a tax bill variously reported as being anything up to $5 billion. Gazprom is now issuing a $2 billion Eurobond backed by two Western firms, ABN Amro and Goldman Sachs. But Reni Vyiachirev, Gazprom's chairman, felt intimidated by the youthful rocket scientists from the financial firms, and wanted someone to help to bridge the gap. Alikhani found a role that could use his knowledge of Russia and the international financial markets.

It is a long way from farming in Iran.

Lost for words

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

ONE of the casualties of the bloodbath among Tory MPs is any further legislation on the rights of members of building societies converting into public companies, because one of those culled was Douglas French, Tory MP for Gloucestershire. Mr French had planned a fourth Private Member's Bill to take in those unjustly excluded from windfalls as the second-named holders of accounts. Alas, this will now not be.

The last time his successes were mentioned in this newspaper, it sparked a vicious but sadly unprintable response from Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the Cheltenham & Gloucester, right on French's patch. I tried to approach Longhurst for some words of commiseration about his old enemy's polls defeat, but the great man was unavailable. This has to be the first time in living memory that Longhurst has refused to push his name forward into the public press, but I suppose grief takes different people different ways.

● *SOME post-election soundbites are better left unsaid. From Swan Hill, formerly Higgs and Hill and part of that hot-bed of socialist reform, the building employers, pipes up John Theakston, its genial chief executive. "It is also to be hoped that the new Government will take a sensible and balanced attitude to planning policy." Translated: "All right, you win. Can we please concrete over the Green Belt now?"*

"You're an ex-MP looking for a place on the board. I'm afraid it's a buyer's market"

Land-locked

STRANGE stories swirling around Conrad Ritblat, the smaller quoted property company of John Ritblat, one of the shrewdest movers on the property scene. The company has just completed a £10 million cash call, and someone not a million miles from one of the advisers was overheard speaking enthusiastically earlier this week about the prospects of a bid from Ritblat's rather bigger vehicle, British Land. Conrad has been heading away from estate agency into pure property, to the extent, so the story goes, that Ritblat himself cannot quite see the point of maintaining a quote for two such similar companies. The story is, alas, not true, according to Ritblat himself, a point worth bearing in mind if anyone approaches you with it. "Conrad Ritblat's such an absolute minnow compared to British Land," he says, "I wouldn't even have been able to find it."

POOR Marjorie Scardino. On Friday, the new chief executive of Pearson learnt the hard way that Pearson annual meetings are not always fun. She was accused of passing dud cheques. "I want to make sure she doesn't do the same with our dividend cheques," said one Simon Israel. Turns out that Israel worked in the Coopers & Lybrand office in New York when Ms Scardino was running The Economist, then a Coopers client. The cheque to Coopers did bounce, but only because the numbers and the words did not match.

Bitter draught

GRAHAM WILSON, the man who has taken on one of the least enviable jobs in corporate Britain, chairman of Matthew Clark, is a smooth and accomplished liar. There are two pieces of evidence for this. One, he trained as a lawyer — the prosecution rests, m'lud. Second, he claims to enjoy Diamond White, the fizzy, sweet bottled cider that is produced by Diamond White for the Essex Girl trade. His claim becomes a little more believable when he admits that he drinks the stuff cold, because medical science teaches us that chilling numbs the taste buds. But it certainly bears out his claim that "I know nothing about cider."

His appointment brings to three the non-executives on the board. To one former metal-basher, Michael Garner, ex-finance director of TI Group, and one ad man, Martin Boase, we can now add a media expert. None of the other two therefore know much about cider either, but, heigh ho, that's the non-executives carousel for you.

Wilson certainly knows how to mend fences with the City, which will come in handy after last autumn's profits warning.

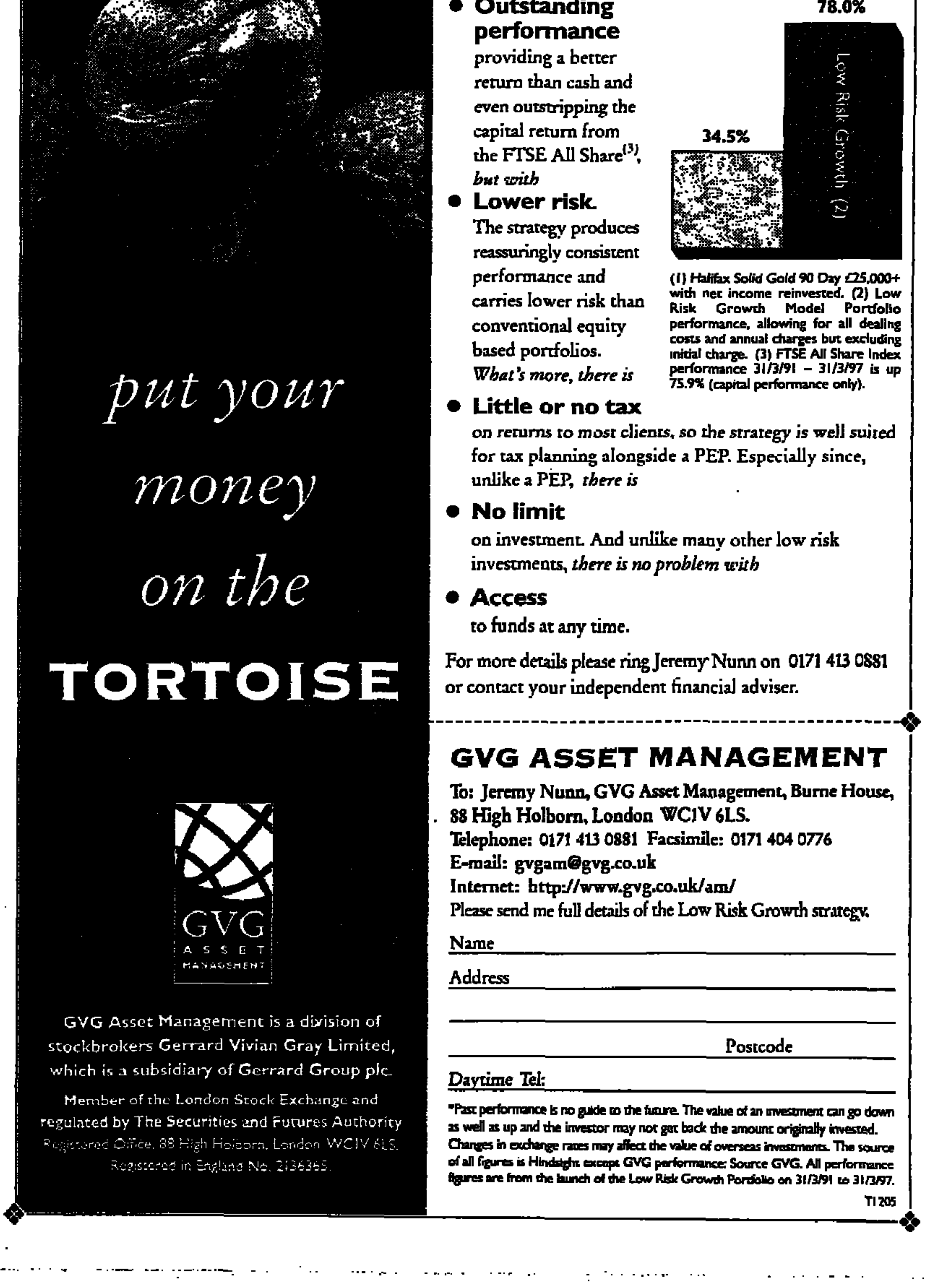
THEY say never go back, but banking analyst Hugh Pye is doing so. Having left Robert Fleming for BZW four years ago, Pye is returning to Flemings. A curious move, you might think. Gossip is that Pye, on gardening leave until July, may not have been best pleased with his bonus this year.

Portillo post?

NOW the Tory chicken run has just widened by several hundred yards, I suppose we had better try and find some useful City jobs for some of those sacked Tory grandees. Mellor doesn't need the cash, and Lamont had better not show his face around here again. Most of the rest are too dim for merchant banking, which leaves stockbroking or, slipping rather further down the scale, financial public relations. But what about Prime-Minister-in-Waiting Portillo? Alas, too many City institutions are owned by Johnny Foreigner these days. Then inspiration dawns. Something for a man who is radical, dynamic but doomed to fail? Step forward, the new chairman of Lanica Trust!

MARTIN WALLER

John Ritblat says talk of a bid for Conrad Ritblat by British Land is untrue



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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares and gilts swept higher on Labour tide

THE sheer size of Labour's election victory enabled the financial markets to overcome an early bout of jitters, with share prices going on to reach another all-time high.

True blue Tory traders found themselves with little time to mourn their biggest drubbing at the polls for more than a century before seeing share prices being swept to record highs. Gilts also scored with gains of up to half a point.

Trading had started the day on a flat note as the pound gave up ground against the dollar and mark. But while institutional investors were pondering the prospect of a rise in interest rates next week at the first meeting between the new Chancellor, Gordon Brown, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, shares on Wall Street were kicking in with some useful gains.

The early rise on Wall Street followed subdued US employment and average earnings numbers and expressions of resolve by President Clinton to achieve a balanced budget. The London market was able to extend the small gains it had already achieved with the help of an early rise of more than 50 points in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The FT-SE 100 index, down 21 points at the start of business, touched an all-time trading peak of 4,468.4, before eventually halving its lead. It finished 10.6 up at a record closing high of 4,455.6, a gain on the week of 85.9. Trading conditions proved thin, with just 615.7 million shares changing hands.

But there were casualties. The utilities came under fresh selling pressure, fearing that with such a large working majority, the new Prime Minister may be tempted to claw back the maximum amount from them.

Fallers among the electricity companies included **National Power**, 20p to 512½p, **PowerGen**, 23p to 630½p, **Southern Electric**, 10p to 427½p, **Scottish Power**, 8½p to 364p, and **Scottish Hydro**, 6p to 388p. But there were few fears in that direction for **BT**, *which touched 463p before* closing just ½p firmer at 457p. Tony Blair has already established close links with the company and brokers are hopeful he may relax current regulations preventing it from using telephone lines to carry feature films to viewers' homes.

Prospects of John Prescott at transport shook bus shares

The water companies were the worst hit among the utilities. **Anglian** fell 17½p to 656p, **Hyder** 31½p to 823½p, **Severn Trent** 14½p to 741½p, **Thames Water** 12½p to 668p, **United Utilities** 20p to 649p, **Wessex** 11p to 362½p and **Yorkshire** 7p to 359p.

Robert Miller-Bakewell at NatWest Securities admits that they are more vulnerable than other utilities to Labour and the windfall tax.

"They haven't been through the regulatory wringer like the electricity companies," he said. "The water companies also have a lower tax regime than the electricity companies and their cash flow characteristics are different too."

In the meantime he is urging clients not to panic.

Credit Lyonnais Laing said that most of the water and electricity companies are undervalued by between 10 per cent and 20 per cent. "Our view is this is very much a Blairite Government and his approach will be much more moderate and reasonable than some on the left wing have suggested," said Angela Whelan, analyst.

The early wobble by the pound provided a ray of hope for the exporters, which have been complaining that a strong pound makes them uncompetitive, especially when trading in Europe.

Those to benefit were **British Steel**, up 7¼p at 146½p, **TI Group**, 11p better at 544½p, **Smiths Industries**, 9p higher at 766½p, **BTR**, 9p dearer at 261p, and **RMC Group**, 11½p better at 943½p.

The transport companies came to the end of the road amid suggestions that John Prescott was demanding the transport portfolio. Brokers say this will only cloud the picture for the sector, which already faces regulatory problems.

The losers on the day included *FirstBus*, 7p to 196½p, **Go Ahead Group**, 10p to 457½p, **National Express**, 12p to 502p, and **Stagecoach**, 2p to 594½p. **Railtrack** also fell 25p to 436½p.

Alliance & Leicester recovered an early fall to finish all-square at 574p. Rumours persist that Mercury Asset Management may be attempting to build up a near 6 per cent stake.

There was little response to the research and development update issues by **Glaxo Wellcome**. The shares ended 1½p easier at £11.93½. But **Reuters** advanced 19½p to 679p after giving a presentation to institutional investors about its new 3000 computer.

Unilever touched £15.82½ before bouncing to close 29p up at £16.54½ after a positive meeting with brokers to discuss the profit numbers.

Some encouraging comments about current trading lifted **Cookson Group** 10p to 221½p.

Low & Bonar fell 11p to 370p after Merrill Lynch, its own broker, cuts its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year by £3 million to £54 million.

Independent Telecoms Group scored a useful premium in first-time dealings on both the Dublin stock market and AIM. Offered at 148p, the price started life at 162½p before closing at its best of the day with a rise of 16½p at 164½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Early falls of £½ in the wake of the election result was the signal for buyers to be tempted back into the market.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt touched £110⁵⁄₃₂ before rallying strongly to finish £¹¹⁄₃₂ better at £111⅛ as the number of contracts completed surged to 112,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £¹³⁄₃₂ at £104²¹⁄₃₂, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was *three ticks firmer at £103.*

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were higher at midday, but a weak bond market derailed the sort of rally many had hoped for. The Dow Jones industrial average stood at 6,998.96, up 22.48 points.

Trading remains tough at Bowthorpe. NatWest Securities, the broker, has cut its profit forecast this year by £4 million to £80 million. But it sees a pick-up in the fourth quarter and says clients should "add" to their holdings. The shares, up 1½p at 356½p, have underperformed the market by 25 per cent this year.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
BSM	118½p	-23p	Profits warning
Optometrics	16½p	-5½p	Investors abandon control attempt
Quality Care	307½p	+33p	Bid approach
Legal & General	429p	+29p	Speculative buying
Watmoughs	276p	-87½p	Another profits warning
APV	94p	+29p	Bid approaches
BICC	217½p	-36½p	Profits warning
Boosey & Hawkes	870p	+72½p	Large stake "for sale"
Tadpole Technology	15¾p	-8¼p	Shares return from suspension

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 6998.96 (+22.48)
S&P Composite 803.31 (+4.78)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19514.75 (+239.42)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 13081.70 (+60.92)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 771.57 (-1.17)

Sydney:
AO 2491.6 (+6.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 3460.37 (+22.30)

Singapore:
Straits 2016.23 (+11.97)

Brussels:
General 12577.44 (+62.27)

Paris:
CAC-40 2655.31 (+15.85)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 1014.10 (+10.30)

London:
FT 30 2907.4 (+4.7)
FTSE 100 4455.6 (+10.6)
FTSE 250 4498.1 (-4.0)
FTSE 350 2176.3 (+3.8)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 2247.26 (+18.17)
FTSE All-Share 2142.25 (+3.36)
FTSE Non Financials 2174.81 (+0.75)
FTSE Fixed Interest 117.31 (+0.10)
FTSE Govt Secs 94.65 (+0.22)
Bargains 42937
SEAQ Volume 615.7m
US$ 1.6180 (-0.0060)
German Mark 2.7964 (+0.0052)
Exchange Index 99.7 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.4214
£:SDR 1.1895
RPI 155.4 Mar (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 154.9 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	574	...
Aurora Inv Trust	100	...
Cable & Wirless	290½	- 1
Charlton Athletic	57½	...
Close Bros Prot VCT	95	...
Comino	139½	...
Donatantonio	80	...
Dragons Hlth Clubs	127½	...
Heal's	212½	...
ITG Group	164½	...
Lady in Leisure	130½	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Cap	91	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Inc	98	- 1
NMT (50)	49½	- ½
Newcastle Utd	120½	...
Northstar Secs	28½	...
Oxford Tech Venture	95	...
Partners Hldgs	167½	...
Pennine AIM (100)	100	...
Petra Diamonds	57½	+ 4
Petra Diamonds Wts	30½	+ 3
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Soccer Investments	103½	...
Torch Hldgs	107½	...
United Overseas Grp	71½	- 2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ask Central n/p (160)	35	...
Barlows n/p (525)	3½	...
Break for the Brdr (51)	1¼	...
Pembertons n/p (18)	2¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Irish Cont 590p (+50p)
Photobition 567½p (+26p)
Danka Bs Sys 496½p (+19p)
Reuters 679p (+19½p)
Com Union 722p (+19½p)
Sainsbury J 341½p (+8p)
London & Man 435p (+9½p)
TI 544½p (+11p)
Bass 817p (+16p)

FALLS:
Cohen (A) 325p (-20p)
Barbour Index 260p (-15p)
Cortecs 273p (-10½p)
FirstBus 196½p (-7p)
Henlys 450p (-15p)
Low & Bonar 370p (-11p)
Tate & Lyle 450p (-12p)
Natl Express 502p (-12½p)
PizzaExpress 664½p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

The cost of Labour

THE stock market has yet to take on board the rising cost of labour. Average earnings are growing by 5 per cent and every week another employer's organisation complains of a shortage of skilled workers. A bigger wage bill hurts profit margins to the extent that businesses cannot pass on costs or shed staff. But the new Government brings with it a new threat; Labour is committed to a minimum wage and it is worth considering which businesses will feel the pain.

Purveyors of McJobs look an obvious casualty; low pay is rife in the catering and unskilled service sector, suggesting that pub and restaurant chains will be hit alongside cleaning and security firms. But the equation is not that simple. The most pain will be felt by businesses that operate in weak markets where there is no scope for raising prices. The hotel and restaurant trade is enjoying a boom, benefiting from economic growth and a rise in consumer spending. If wage rates increase sharply, some businesses will fail but good operators will be able to cut other costs in an industry notorious for waste and inefficiency.

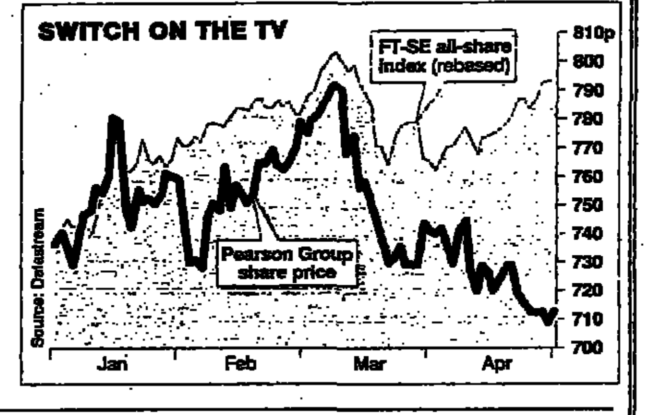
Manufacturing is a different story; clobbered by the strong pound, exporters have no room to increase prices. After a decade of restructuring, there is little fat left in UK manufacturing and, therefore, little room to improve productivity. Anyone employing low-paid workers to produce goods for export to Europe should be worried, as should the rag trade. If the minimum wage succeeds in shutting down sweatshops in the UK, it will not help to create good jobs at Courtauld Textiles or Coats Viyella. *Those firms have been exporting jobs to the Far* East for years and the process will accelerate.

Pearson

THE NEW Pearson bears an uncanny resemblance to the old one. There were high hopes that Marjorie Scardino, the new chief executive, would shake up the conglomerate, whose businesses range from an ailing computer games company to half of the Lazards banking group. Her boldest move so far: pumping £100 million into the *Financial Times* to build its American circulation.

Conglomerates are out of fashion, but some can acquire the status of hot stocks. Pearson has not; the shares have underperformed the FT-SE all-share index over the past year. This should suggest to Ms Scardino that either the existing assets have to be sweated harder or that radical surgery is needed. A combination of both could be accomplished. If Pearson is to concentrate on media and entertainment, then it should eject Lazards from the mix. It should do so now, before the investment cycle takes a dip, sending out the message that there are no sacred cows.

Pearson Television would be a good place to find underperforming assets. Digital broadcasters will soon be begging for content and the division is Britain's largest independent producer of programming and one of the few British TV companies to build a strong overeas business. An international joint programming venture, perhaps with The News Corporation's Sky companies, is worth exploring.



Unilever

UNILEVER is a textbook example of a mature multinational, shrinking its assets and squeezing cash from businesses in Europe and the US while investing for growth in Asia and Latin America. The £107 million contribution from Asia and the Pacific was more than the group managed from the mature North American market, where sales are one-third higher. The rapid growth and strong margins of the Asian business is one of Unilever's great strengths.

Elsewhere, Unilever suffered setbacks — a reorganisation in Turkey may be the reason behind another chunky £76 million of exceptional costs. However, in both Africa and the Middle *East, and in Latin America,* the difficulties are no more than are to be expected while the group builds up businesses. Meanwhile, in Europe Unilever's profits increased by more than £100 million, with margins up nearly 40 per cent.

Unilever's shares have risen 30 per cent over the last six months, and they have outperformed the market by almost 20 per cent over the last year. Whether the company can maintain this level of performance will depend on how wisely Unilever spends the £5 billion it intends to raise from selling its speciality chemicals business. Until then, the shares look expensive.

Matthew Clark

COULD a widget be the catalyst of Matthew Clark's recovery? The cider maker launches a new drink next week: cider with a frothy head. The canned version will use the widget technology so *popular in* beer.

Matthew Clark is desperate to offer cider drinkers, who have defected to alcoholic lemonade and other so-called "alcopops" in their thousands, with something new. The launch will be backed by major summer advertising to promote its mainstream ciders, Dry Blackthorn and Diamond White. Moreover, Matthew Clark says it now has the right men in place, after the announcement of Graham Wilson's appointment as non-executive chairman. The former United News & Media MD is tipped as a great "brand" man, despite the decline of the once-mighty Express name during his tenure from 1982. Supporters says the magazine and exhibition side of United are a better reflection.

The recent appointment of Guinness' marketing supremo is encouraging. But cider with a head? Something suggests the alcoholic mango juice-slamming kids of today won't be impressed.

Although shares rallied to about 340p at the start of the year, 276.5p is a more accurate reflection of the company's rut.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	980-969	Jul	1040-1035
Jul	995-994	Sep	1050-1048
Sep	1012-1011	Dec	1065-1061
Dec	1003-1002	Mar	1080-1070
Mar	1016-1015		
May	1028-1026		Volume: 3548

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1600-1590	Jan	unq
Jul	1671-1670	Mar	1626 SLR
Sep	1690-1685	May	unq
Nov	1675 SLR		Volume: 2763

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	301.5-99.0
Spot: 310.5		May	301.9-99.5
Aug	311.0-10.5	Aug	303.9-00.6
Oct	302.5-01.4	Oct	300.9-97.6
Dec	301.1-99.0		Volume: 1414

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	115.04	143.90	90.90
(+/-)	+13.45	-1.21	-1.83
Eng/Wales:	115.14	136.27	90.37
(+/-)	+13.49	+3.52	-1.83
(%)	+0.0	-2.0	n/c
Scotland.	96.06	120.13	92.33
(+/-)	+5.54	-5.69	-0.44
(%)	+6.0	+3.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.80	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.00	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.10	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.55	-0.70
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.65	-0.60

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	201 (n/c)	205 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	170 (-6)	171 (-6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	78 (n/c)	80 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (-5)	178 (-4)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	165.50-65.75	Aug	167.75-68.00
Jun	165.00-65.25	Sep	169.25-70.00
Jul	166.25 BID		Vol: 15612

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	17.98-17.99	Sep	18.32 BID
Jul	18.13-18.15	Oct	18.40 BID
Aug	18.22-18.25		Vol: 37285

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t) / **LIFFE BARLEY** (close £/t)

May	92.70	May	90.00
Jul	95.00	Sep	90.75
Sep	94.75	Nov	92.75
Nov	96.75	Jan	94.75
Jan	98.75	Mar	96.75
Volume: 607		Volume: 14	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	unq	25.0
Jun		40.0
Nov	70.0	66.0
		Volume: 133

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jun 71.25-71.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 97	1355	1345	1355
Jun 97	1320	1305	1320
Jul 97	1220	1205	1225
Oct 97	1345	1345	1345
Vol: 64 lots		Open Interest: 2412	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2400.0-2401.0	2340.0-2341.0	1162375
Lead ($/tonne)	610.50-611.50	623.00-624.00	248600
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1241.0-1242.0	1261.0-1261.5	420200
Tin ($/tonne)	5690.0-5695.0	5720.0-5725.0	17110
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1587.0-1588.0	1618.0-1619.0	1697125
Nickel ($/tonne)	7240.0-7250.0	7350.0-7355.0	77958

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	17½	27½	33½	10½	24	34½
(*429)	460	5	12½	18	47	50½	60½
ASDA	110	10	12	14	2½	5	6
(*116½)	120	4½	7	9	6½	9½	11
Boots	700	26½	38	46½	24	31	37½
(*704)	750	7	18½	26	59	63½	68
Br Airways	650	48	60½	71½	12	22	24
(*688)	700	19½	34½	45	35½	44	48
BP	700	28½	45	54½	23½	33½	41
(*704½)	750	10½	24½	33½	56	65	70
Br Steel	140	11	12½	14	6	8½	11
(*146½)	160	3	5	6½	21½	22½	24½
C & W	460	29½	39½	50	18	25	32
(*472)	500	12	22	32½	41½	48	54½
CU	700	51½	76½	89½	24	50½	56½
(*720½)	750	28½	54½	66	50½	77½	82½
ICI	650	63	71	81½	5½	14½	19
(*699½)	700	29½	39½	52½	21½	34½	39½
Land Sec	800	21	34	44	29	35½	42
(*803)	850	5	16	24½	67½	71	74½
M & S	460	40	47½	54	7	10½	14½
(*495)	500	14	24½	31½	24½	28	32½
Nat West	700	59½	63	79	15	31½	37
(*728)	750	23½	38	53½	39½	57	62½
Safeway plc	330	15	21½	28½	16½	20	24½
(*334½)	360	4½	10½	16½	38	40	43½
Sainsbury	330	18	25½	30½	11	14	17½
(*342)	360	6	12½	17½	30	32	35
Shell	1050	59	82	96½	19	36	45½
(*1077½)	1100	31	55	69½	42	60	69
Smkl Bch	950	76½	102½	118	27	34	44
(*986)	1000	47	74½	91½	41½	56	66½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1800	130	170	210½	40	64½	79
(*1873)	1900	74½	115½	157½	83½	110	123½
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	500	41	52½	64	17	31½	38
(*519)	550	19	30	41½	44	59½	65½
Vodafone	260	23½	31	37	6½	12	15
(*275½)	280	12½	21	26½	15½	21½	24½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	500	20	34½	42½	3½	16½	21
(*514)	550	1½	12½	21	36½	44½	49
Ladbroke	220	15½	23	27	1	5	8½
(*234)	240	3	11½	16	9	13½	17½
Utd Bisc	200	19½	26	29	0½	4	8
(*218½)	220	4½	13½	17½	6	11½	16½

May 2, 1997 Tot: 75079 Call: 32541 Put: 42538 FTSE Call: 14861 Put: 5302
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	500	28½	38	47	12½	17½	23½
(*516½)	550	7½	15½	24	43	46½	51
Thames W	650	39	47	53	31	36½	44½
(*668)	700	16	25½	32	62½	67	74½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BTR	240	20½	26	31½	0½	5	8½
(*259½)	260	5½	16	19½	5½	12	17
Br Aero	1250	57½	99½	119	7½	30	42½
(*1296½)	1300	25	70½	92	26	51	64½
Br Telecm	420	39	48½	50½	0	11	14
(*457½)	460	8½	22½	26	9½	30½	33½
Cadbury	500	20	37	44	4	14½	20
(*515)	550	1½	14	22	39½	42	46½
Guinness	500	14½	31	40½	6	15½	20½
(*509)	550	0½	10	18½	42	46	49
GEC	360	10	19½	25½	4½	16½	21
(*364½)	390	1	7½	13½	25½	37	40
Hanson	300	14½	26½	31½	3½	11	16
(*311)	330	1½	12½	18	20½	27	32
LASMO	220	8½	16½	24	5	10½	13½
(*223½)	240	2	8	14½	18	21	24
LucasVarity	180	14	18½	22	0½	5½	9½
(*192½)	200	3	9½	12½	9	15½	16½
Pilkington	110	5	9½	—	2	7	—
(*112½)	120	1	4½	—	8	13½	—
Prudential	600	22	42½	55	9½	22½	31½
(*611½)	650	4	21	32	41	59½	58½
Redland	330	27	30½	39	3½	13	18
(*356)	360	6½	15½	24½	20	28½	33½
R-Royce	240	10	20	25½	5	11	15
(*245)	260	2	11	16	17	22	25
Tesco	360	7½	20½	27	7½	15½	21
(*360)	390	0½	8½	14	30½	34	38
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4458)

	4350	4400	4450	4500	4550	4600
Calls						
May	112	72	39½	17½	6½	1½
Jun	152	116½	95	59½	38½	23
Jul	184½	150½	118	90½	66	47
Aug	200	168½	137	111½	88½	68
Dec	—	263½	—	203½	—	152½
Puts						
May	11	21½	40½	70½	112	162
Jun	43	58	78	104½	135	172
Jul	60	77	99½	120	147½	181½
Aug	78½	96½	114½	139	165½	196
Dec	—	140½	—	187½	—	238½

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Abby Nat	800	65½	85	99	15	29½	38
(*841½)	850	36	55	72½	34	52	61½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1150	58½	81	108	41	65	76
(*1152½)	1200	36½	58½	84	69	92½	103
Natl Pwr	500	32	37	40	27½	32	37
(*513)	550	11½	16½	20½	60½	64	68
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	1150	78½	97½	123½	22½	42½	51½
(*1193½)	1200	49½	70	96½	43½	65½	74½
HSBC	1600	133½	165½	201	33½	57	74
(*1685)	1700	76½	110	148	75	102	120
Reuter	650	52½	67	84	15½	24½	32
(*679)	700	25½	41	58	38½	45½	56
Royal & Sun	460	40½	52	59½	8	16½	22
(*487)	500	17½	30½	38½	25½	35	41
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Blue Circ	420	11½	28	35½	7	16½	23½
(*424½)	460	0½	11	19½	36	40½	46½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Kingfishr	650	47½	66½	77	1	11	18½
(*694½)	700	12	36	47	15½	30	39½
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	240	7	—	—	15	—	—
(*241½)	260	1½	—	—	30	—	—
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Dixons	500	34½	45	56½	9½	22	27
(*522)	550	10½	21½	33	34	48½	53½
EMI Group	1200	65	94½	115½	22	50	64
(*1232½)	1250	38	68	91	44	74	97½
Tarmac	120	7½	12	14	3½	5½	8
(*124)	130	2½	7	9	8½	10½	13½
Hillsdwn	180	7	9	—	7	9	—
(*186½)	200	0½	2½	—	23½	24	—
Lonrho	130	10½	13½	16½	2	5½	7
(*136½)	140	5	8½	11½	6½	10½	12
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	15	20½	24	5	13	14½
(*268)	280	5½	10½	14½	15½	24	26
Lloyds TSB	550	25	40½	54	17	28	39½
(*556½)	600	8	19½	32	48	57	65
Scot Pwr	360	15	23½	27	12½	22	34½
(*363½)	390	4	11	14½	30½	41½	43
Unilever	1600	90½	120	144	14	32½	40½
(*1656½)	1700	26	63½	87	59	77	85½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 174901	Jun 97	110-27	111-10	110-05	111-04	115841
	Sep 97	110-20	111-03	110-05	111-02	1956
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest: 298190	Jun 97	101.77	101.82	101.45	101.55	186051
	Sep 97	100.46	100.61	100.44	100.52	3453
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest: 116734	Jun 97	128.08	128.40	127.72	127.84	42336
	Sep 97	127.98	128.05	127.98	128.04	439
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	125.53	125.57	125.44	125.51	1713
	Sep 97	124.21	124.21	124.18	124.22	300
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.35	93.38	93.32	93.35	23265
	Sep 97	93.16	93.16	93.08	93.13	26700
Previous open interest: 481495	Dec 97	92.98	93.00	92.88	92.96	30309
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest: 1397878	Jun 97	96.78	96.79	96.77	96.78	13257
	Sep 97	96.73	96.74	96.71	96.72	17299
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest: 308758	Jun 97	93.25	93.29	93.21	93.23	17794
	Sep 97	93.54	93.55	93.49	93.51	10488
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97				99.19	0
	Dec 97				99.00	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest: 121364	Jun 97	98.20	98.20	98.13	98.17	12338
	Sep 97	98.20	98.20	98.13	98.17	10633
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest: 32103	Jun 97	95.83	95.85	95.81	95.85	798
	Sep 97	95.83	95.84	95.82	95.85	107
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 63434	Jun 97	4430.0	4485.0	4421.0	4458.0	15095
	Sep 97	4489.0	4489.0	4489.0	4489.0	2

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5[illegible] Low 4 Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth: 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 4½.

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.58	n/a	5.72	5.89	6.18
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,313m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.455% received: 73%; Last week: £98.47% received: 95%; Avge rate: £6.1834% last wk £6.1348%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $340.30-340.60 Close: $339.95-340.45 High: $340.45-340.95
Low: $338.55-339.05 AM: $339.80 PM: $339.65

Krugerrand: $339.00-341.00 (£209.00-211.00)

Platinum: $373.25 (£231.55) Silver: $4.74 (£2.915) Palladium: $157.75 (£97.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1160-3.1480	3.1446-3.1480	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	57.120-57.781	57.664-57.781	18-14pr	49-44pr
Copenhagen	10.541-10.654	10.644-10.654	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.0723-1.0860	1.0839-1.0860	8-13ds	1pr-5ds
Frankfurt	2.7693-2.7982	2.7957-2.7982	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	277.87-281.05	280.80-281.05	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Madrid	235.58-236.03	235.81-236.03	21-12pr	68-51pr
Milan	2739.2-2773.5	2770.3-2773.5	10-24ds	19-40ds
Montreal	2.2289-2.2380	2.2358-2.2380	0.66-0.61pr	1.23-1.15pr
New York	1.6086-1.6187	1.6177-1.6187	0.103-0.082pr	0.39-0.36pr
Oslo	11.393-11.488	11.472-11.488	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	9.3360-9.4339	9.4285-9.4339	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	12.551-12.691	12.675-12.691	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	203.74-205.18	204.97-205.18	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	19.493-19.694	19.675-19.694	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.3631-2.3840	2.3809-2.3840	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2746-1.2755
Austria	12.14-12.15
Belgium (Com)	35.57-35.62
Canada	1.3819-1.3824
Denmark	6.5685-6.5705
France	5.8187-5.8207
Germany	1.7257-1.7262
Hong Kong	7.7470-7.7480
Ireland	1.4930-1.4950
Italy	1709.40-1709.90
Japan	126.48-126.58
Malaysia	2.5060-2.5090
Netherlands	1.9411-1.9416
Norway	7.0955-7.1025
Portugal	173.10-173.20
Singapore	1.4464-1.4474
Spain	145.53-145.63
Sweden	7.8218-7.8293
Switzerland	1.4708-1.4715

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6265-1.6192
Australia dollar	2.0547-2.0569
Bahrain dinar	0.6015-0.6135
Brazil real*	1.7176-1.7220
China yuan	13.207-13.507
Cyprus pound	0.8205-0.8305
Finland markka	8.3125-8.4285
Greece drachma	439.25-446.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.4874-12.4944
India rupee	57.12-58.08
Indonesia rupiah	3888.0-3956.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4850-0.4950
Malaysia ringgit	4.0426-4.0460
New Zealand dollar	2.3345-2.3384
Pakistan rupee	64.30 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8075-5.9315
Singapore dollar	2.3326-2.3357
S Africa rand (com)	7.1270-7.2290
U A E dirham	5.8575-5.9815

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	703	Land Secs	551
ASDA Gp	8,100	Legal & Gn	745
Abbey Ntl	3,000	Lloyds TSB	6,300
Allied Dom	1,800	LucasVarity	3,700
AB Foods	121	Marks Spr	3,200
BAA	2,200	Mercury Asset	85
BAT Inds	3,400	NatWst Bk	2,000
BG	13,100	Nat Grid	4,400
BOC	5,300	Nat Power	5,300
BP	7,900	Next	521
BSkyB	2,200	Orange	923
BTR	10,700	P & O	338
BT	15,500	Pearson	2,200
Bk of Scot	3,900	PowerGen	3,400
Barclays	2,000	Prudential	2,000
Bass	1,400	RMC	973
Blue Circle	2,700	RTZ	1,800
Boots	561	Railtrack	5,500
BAe	904	Rank Group	1,100
BA	4,300	Reckitt Col	1,600
British Land	1,200	Reed Intl	1,600
Brit Steel	10,300	Rentokil	4,700
Burmah Cstl	81	Reuters	8,200
Burton	3,300	Rolls Royce	3,700
Cable Wire	2,100	Royal & Sun	8,700
Cadbury	1,500	Royal Bk Sct	2,300
Carlton Cms	1,100	Safeway	3,000
Centrica	16,900	Sainsbury	4,700
Cm Union	3,300	Schroders	28
Dixons	927	Scot & New	1,500
EMI	1,500	Scot Power	2,700
Energy Gp	3,200	Svrn Trent	2,300
Enterpr Oil	881	Shell Trans	4,000
GKN	356	Siebe	5,700
GRE	2,600	SmKl Bch	2,900
GUS	1,800	Smith Nph	957
Gen Acc	1,800	Smiths Inds	1,100
Gen Elec	4,300	Std Chartd	1,500
Glaxo Well	6,200	TI Gp	370
Granada	1,300	Tate & Lyle	4,600
Grand Met	4,100	Tesco	2,100
Guinness	4,900	Thames W	488
HSBC	6,600	Tomkins	2,200
Hanson	3,400	Unilever	4,000
Hays	285	Utd Utilities	2,800
ICI	2,500	Utd News	765
Imp Tob	723	Vodafone	3,400
Kingfisher	621	Whitbread	682
LASMO	2,100	Wolseley	940
Ladbroke	2,400	Zeneca	529

WALL STREET

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
AMP Inc	35¾	35¾
AMR Corp	91	90¾
AT & T	34¾	34
Abbott Labs	61½	61
Advanced Micro	44¾	43½
Aetna Life	90¾	89¾
Ahmanson (HF)	38½	37¾
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Amer Intl	126¾	127
Amer Stores	46¾	45½
Amer Standard	42	42½
Ameritech	61	60½
Amoco	83½	83½
Andrew Corp	26	25½
Anheuser-Busch	42½	42½
Apple Computer	16¾	17
Archer Daniels	18¾	18¾
Armco	3¾	3¾
Armstrng Wrld	65½	65½
Asarco	29	28½
Atl Richfield	138	136½
Auto Data Pro	45½	45½
Avery Dennison	36¾	36½
Avon Products	61½	61
Baker Hughes	34½	34
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25½
Banc One	43	43½
BankAmerica	117½	115½
Bank of NY	40½	39½
Bankers Tr NY	82½	80¾
Barnett Banks	49½	48½
Bausch & Lomb	39½	39½
Baxter Intl	47½	47½
Becton Dicknsn	45¾	44½
Bell Atlantic	67½	67½
Bell Industries	16¾	16½
BellSouth	44½	44
Black & Decker	33½	33½
Block (H&R)	32	31½
Boeing	99½	99
Boise Cascade	32½	32½
Boston Scien	48½	47½
Bristol Myrs Sq	65½	65½
Browning Ferris	28½	27½
Brunswick	28½	28½
Burlington Nthn	78½	78½
CMS Energy Corp	31½	31½
CNA Financial	100½	99¾
CPC Intl	82½	82
CSX	45½	45½
Campbell Soup	49½	49½
Can Pacific	24½	24½
Carolina Pwr	34	33½
Case Corp	55½	55½
Caterpillar	91½	90½
Central & SW	19½	19½
Champion Intl	47	46½
Chase Manhat	94½	92½
Chevron Corp	68	68
Chrysler	29½	30
Chubb Corp	57½	57½
Cigna Corp	155½	154½
Citicorp	113½	112½
Clorox	124½	124½
Coastal Corp	47½	47½
Coca Cola	62½	62½
Coca Cola Ent	59	59½
Colgate-Palm	109½	109½
Columbia Gas	62½	62½
ColumbiaHCA	34½	34½
Compaq Comp	90	88½
Comp Ass Inr	52½	51½
Conagra	57½	56½
Conrail	114½	114
Cons Edison	28½	28
Cons Nat Gas	49½	49½
Cooper Inds	46½	46½
Corestates	50½	50½
Corning Inc	50½	49½
Crown Cork	54½	54
Dana Corp	33½	33
Dayton Hudson	46½	44½
Deere	46½	46½
Delta Air Lines	92½	91½
Deluxe Corp	31½	30½
Digital Equip	30½	30½
Dillard Dept St	31½	31½
Disney (Walt)	81½	81
Dominion Res	34½	34½
Donelley (RR)	35	34½
Dover Corp	53	53½
Dow Chemical	84½	85
Dow Jones	40½	40½
Dresser	29½	29½
Duke Power	44½	44½
Dun & Bradstreet	25½	25½
Du Pont	104½	103½
Eastman Chem	51½	51½
Eastman Kodak	82½	82½

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
Eaton Corp	76¾	76¾
Edison Intl	21¾	21¾
Elect Data Sys	36½	34¾
Emerson Elec	51	50¾
Engelhard Corp	20¾	20¾
Enron Corp	39	38¾
Entergy	23½	23¾
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Gap Inc Del	31½	30½
Gencorp	19½	19½
Gen Dynamics	72½	71½
Gen Electric	110½	109½
Gen Mills	62½	62
Gen Motors	57½	57½
Gen Reinsurance	169½	168½
Gen Signal	39½	39½
Genuine Parts	32½	32½
Georgia Pac	77½	77½
Gillette	85	84½
Glaxo Welc ADR	39½	38½
Goodrich (BF)	41	40½
Goodyear Tire	53½	54½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25½	24½
Great Wstn Fin	42½	41½
Halliburton	69½	69½
Harcourt General	45½	45½
Heinz (HJ)	41½	41½
Hercules	40½	39½
Hershey Foods	53½	53½
Hewlett Packard	53½	52½
Hilton Hotels	27½	27
Home Depot	57½	57½
Homestake Mng	13½	13½
Honeywell	70½	70½
Household Intl	87½	86½
Houston Inds	20½	20
Humana	21½	21½
ITT Corp	59½	59½
Ikon Office	36½	27½
Illinois Tool	92½	92
Illinova	22½	22½
INCO	32½	32½
Ingersoll Rand	49½	48½
Inland Steel	23	22½
Intel Corp	155½	153½
IBM	162½	161½
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42½
Intl Paper	42½	42½
James River Va	30½	30
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	60½	59½
Kellogg	69½	69½
Kerr-McGee	60½	60½
Kimberly-Clark	51½	50½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	39½	39
Lilly (Eli)	87½	86½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lincoln Nat	56	55½
Litton	43½	43½
Liz Claiborne	44½	45
Lockheed Martin	90½	89½
Louisiana Pac	18½	18½
MCI Comm	38½	38½
Manpower Inc	40½	41
Marriott Int	55½	56
Marsh & McLnn	120	119½
Masco Corp	37½	37½
May Dept St	46½	45½
Maytag Corp	23½	23½
McDonalds	53	52½
McDonnell D	60	59½
McGraw Hill	51½	50½
Mead Corp	59½	58½
Medtronic	69½	69½
Mellon Bk	82½	82½
Merck Inc	89½	89½
Merrill Lynch	97½	96½
Microsoft	123½	121
Minnesota Mine	88	87½
Mobil Corp	129½	129
Monsanto	42½	42
Morgan (JP)	102	101½
Motorola Inc	58½	57
Natl Semi	25½	24½
Natl Service Ind	42	42½
Navistar Int	11½	11½
NY Times A	43½	43½
Newmont Mng	36½	36½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	58½	57½
NL Industries	9½	9½
Noram Energy	14½	14½
Nordstrom	41½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	90	89
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	50½	50½
Nynex Corp	51½	51½
Occidental Pet	22	21½
Ohio Edison	20	20

	May 2 midday	May 1 close
Oracle	41¾	40¾
Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	40½	40½
PHH Corp	48½	48½
PPG Industries	55¾	54¾
PNC Bank	41	40¾
PP&L Res	19½	19½
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Philip Morris	39½	39½
Phillips Pet	39½	39
Pitney Bowes	64½	65½
Polaroid	47½	47½
Procter & Gmbl	128½	125½
Providian	57½	57½
Pub Serv E & G	24½	24
Quaker Oats	40	39½
Ralston Purina	81½	81½
Raychem Corp	66	64½
Raytheon	46½	45½
Reebok Intl	38½	38½
Reynolds Metals	67½	67½
Rockwell Intl	60½	60½
Rohm & Haas	82½	81½
Royal Dutch	178½	178½
Rubbermaid	24½	24½
SBC Comms	55½	55½
Safeco Corp	40	39½
St Paul's Cos	66½	66½
Salomon Inc	49½	50
Sara Lee Corp	41½	41½
Schering Plough	80½	79½
Schlumberger	109	107½
Seagram	38½	38½
Sears Roebuck	48½	48½
Shell Trans	104½	105
Sherwin Wllms	30½	
Skyline Corp	21½	
Snap-On-Tools	38½	
Southern Co	20½	
Sprint Corp	44½	
Stanley Works	39½	
Sun Company		
Sun Microsys		
Suntrust		
Supervalu		
Sysco Corp		
TRW Inc		
TCC Inds		
TIG Hldgs		
Tandem C		
Tandy Co		
Temple I		
Tenneco		
Texaco		
Texas Ins		
Texas Util		
Textron		
Thermo El		
Time Warn		
Times-Mirr		
Timken		
Torchmark		
Toys R Us		
Transameric		
Travelers		
Tribune		
Tyco Intl		
UST Inc		
UAL		
US Inds		
US West Comm		
US West Media		
USAirways Group		
USX Marathon		
Unicom		
Unilever NV		
Union Camp		
Union Carbide		
Union Pacific		
Unisys Corp		
USF&G Corp		
US Life		
United Tech		
Unocal Corp		
VF Corp		
WMX Tech		
Wal-Mart Stores		
Warner-Lambert		
Wells Fargo	265½	
Westinghouse El	17	
Weyerhaeuser	49½	
Whirlpool	49½	
Whitman	23	23
Winn Dixie	34½	34½
Woolworth	20½	20½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	58½	58½
Xerox	66½	66½
Zenith Elect	11	11

SFA refuses to let 'spot forex' firm trade

By Robert Miller

A SPECULATIVE foreign exchange dealing firm that targeted private investors has been refused authorisation by the Securities and Futures Authority, the City watchdog for brokers and futures dealers.

Global Foreign Exchange Corporation (GFEC) is the company of William "Bill" Newton, an unsuccessful Referendum Party candidate. Mr Newton, who polled 545 votes in the London constituency of Southwark North and Bermondsey, was told yesterday by the SFA that GFEC had been refused authorisation to sell highly volatile and speculative investment instruments to investors.

The SFA move is part of a determined drive by City regulators, led by the Securities and Investments Board, against firms dealing in "rolling spot forex" contracts.

In the past, thousands of investors have lost millions of pounds investing in speculative foreign exchange dealing services promoted by unauthorised firms that were not covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme. Investors are encouraged to gamble by betting on fluctuations in the global currency markets.

David Kenmir, an SFA director, warned investors to be on their guard against such firms, which have moved to overseas bases and are "cold-calling" UK investors. He said: "We are working with the SIB on this and we know of a number of firms who appear to have set up shop in Scandanavia, where we are co-operating closing with the authorities. More latterly, some operations have moved to Spain."

Since the SFA crackdown, 20 "rolling spot-forex" firms have applied for authorisation to trade, but 13 have subsequently withdrawn. GFEC is the first to be rejected. Six more applications are under consideration.

GFEC applied to the SFA for authorisation in February 1996 after the SIB issued guidance confirming its view that certain speculative foreign exchange dealing services were investment businesses covered by the Financial Services Act. GFEC now has 30 days to appeal against the decision in an SFA authorisation appeal tribunal.

The SIB is now reviewing the position of GFEC in the light of the provisions of the guidance and the SFA's decision.

Matthew Clark names chairman

By Adam Jones

MATTHEW CLARK, the beleaguered drinks group whose shares have fallen sharply over the past 12 months, yesterday announced the appointment of Graham Wilson, former managing director of United News & Media, as non-executive chairman.

Matthew Clark's share price slumped from more than 800p last summer to a current level of 276½p, after its profits were hit by competition from "alcopops", alcoholic fruit drinks, which dented demand for the company's Diamond White and Dry Blackthorn ciders.

The company is trying to revitalise the brands with a summer advertising campaign. The advertising budget for the next 12 months has quadrupled to between £8 million and £10 million.

The company will next week launch a new cider, called Blackthorn Gold, designed to have a frothy head. Using "widget" technology, it will come in cans as well as draught.

One analyst said that the market for cider is still tough. However, he added: "A new launch will help a bit."

Mr Wilson, 54, received a £600,000 payoff when United merged with MAI. He is also a non-executive director of Legal & General Recovery Investment Trust, and chairman of the management committee of Theodore Goddard, the law firm. Since the death, in October, of Michael Cottrell, Matthew Clark's previous chairman, the role has been filled temporarily by Michael Garner. The new appointment follows the recruitment of Rob MacNevin, Guinness marketing chief, as marketing director.

Matthew Clark products include Strathmore mineral water and Stowells of Chelsea wine boxes.

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Restructuring benefits help to improve margins in Europe

Profits rise lifts Unilever shares

By Paul Durman

Under Niall FitzGerald, chairman, Unilever has seen operating profits rise in the first quarter in Europe and Asia

SHARES in Unilever rose strongly to a high yesterday as the food and toiletries group reported first-quarter operating profits 16 per cent ahead at £61 million.

However, pre-tax profits made more modest progress, rising 7 per cent to £538 million. The result was held back by unexpectedly high exceptional charges of £76 million. Unilever's shares rose 29p to close at £16.54½.

Unilever, under Niall FitzGerland, chairman, did not explain the cause of the exceptional charge, although one theory was that it related to a distribution reorganisation in Turkey. One analyst said: "This is one of the highest first-quarter charges ever. We had assumed only an unchanged charge of £15 million."

Europe was the main source of the higher profits, lifting its contribution from £254 million to £360 million. Although sales were only marginally ahead at £3.81 billion, restructuring benefits helped to improve margins from 6.8 per cent to 9.4 per cent.

Asia and Pacific was the only other region to improve margins, helped by strongly rising sales of home and personal care products in India and South East Asia. Profits increased from £90 million to £107 million. Sales grew to £1.2 billion.

Group sales were just short of £8 billion, 5 per cent higher than last year. Although sales were 10 per cent higher in North America because of acquisitions, a slow start to the year by the foods business left profits 11 per cent lower at £92 million. Margins slid from 6.9 to 5.6 per cent. Africa and Middle East and Latin America also made less money. The sharp fall in profits from Africa and Middle East, down from £32 million to £17 million, was blamed on the reorganisation in Turkey. Latin American sales remained very strong, rising 7 per cent to £832 million, but profits slipped back to £85 million (£93 million) because of increased marketing investments and a first-time contribution to group costs by the Brazilian arm.

Net debt was down to £1.9 billion from £2.8 billion.

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Setback for News Corp digital TV plans in US

By Eric Reguly

PLANS by The News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, to launch a digital satellite service in America have suffered another blow with the loss of a top News Corp executive.

Preston Padden, chairman and chief executive of ASkyB, News Corp's satellite company in the US, resigned on Thursday over a reported conflict with Charles Ergen, chairman of Echostar, a rival operator, which has been negotiating a merger with ASkyB.

News Corp would not comment other than to say that talks with Echostar continue. A spokesman said that ASkyB would probably know next week whether it would join forces with Echostar. Last week Echostar gave warning that News Corp may abandon its merger plans unless Echostar used a News Corp "conditional access" system.

Glaxo Wellcome on target

By Paul Durman

GLAXO WELLCOME, the UK pharmaceuticals company, has begun developing ten potential new drugs so far this year and is "well on track" to meet its target of bringing three significant new medicines to market each year from 2000 onwards.

James Niedel, research and development director, told a City presentation that the drugs company expects to start developing more than 20 new molecules in 1997.

Glaxo Wellcome also revealed that sales of treatments for respiratory disease now exceed sales from Zantac and other gastro-intestinal drugs. Zantac, which has underpinned Glaxo's growth over the past two decades, will shortly lose its US patent protection.

The company is therefore keen to reassure the City that it has plenty of new products in its pipeline.

It regards asthma as an important growth area. Glaxo Wellcome intends to combine its drugs Flixotide/Flovent and Serevent to take advantage of the "enormous potential" in this area.

The company also gave details of new treatments for influenza, HIV, migraine, hepatitis, diabetes and strokes. Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, said this portfolio of products "[reinforces] our prediction that in 1999 we expect sales growth to be in double digits. The quality, depth and diversity of our pipeline supports our view that Glaxo Wellcome is without equal in its commitment to finding new medicines through leading edge science."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CrestCo seeks to lift borrowing limit

CRESTCO, operator of the computerised share settlement system Crest, is seeking to raise its borrowing limit to £35 million after losing £7.1 million last year. The money is likely to be earmakarked for incorporating the CGO system for settling UK government bonds, due to be set up by the Bank of England in August. Adapting systems for European monetary union would be another major project, Jonathan Hodes, finance director, said. Mr Hodes added that fixing the borrowing level would help it to pay dividends to its 69 shareholders earlierthan currently envisaged.

Monthly revenues reached £1.5 million last month when the transfer of stocks to Crest was completed. It currently has £17 million of debts which it aims to pay off in the year 2000. Iain Saville, chief executive, received £208,000 last year, including an £88,000 bonus. The company also paid Cap Gemini £2.2 million for running its computer systems and £700,000 to TNT for processing share certificates between brokers and registrars.

Haemocell trims loss

HAEMOCELL will shortly take on full responsibility for UK sales of its blood filtration system, replacing its distributor in an attempt to achieve better sales and margins. The company, recently rescued by a £2 million share issue, suffered a small fall in sales to £204,000 in the six months to February 28, but cut losses from £730,000 to £412,000. Trevor Wilson, the former operations director who stood down to a non-executive role in January, is to leave the company after eight years.

Deutsche acquisition

DEUTSCHE MORGAN GRENFELL will pay A$240 million (£116 million) for Axiom, the Australian asset manager, it has been confirmed. Axiom is the main pension fund for New South Wales government employees, holding A$19 billion: this renewable deal runs for five years. Axion, Australia's fifth-biggest fund manager, is to offer other asset management services. Rising private pension provision in Australia will double funds held by asset managers to A$500 billion, it is expected.

Investment trusts reply

THE Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) yesterday hit back at claims by Credit Lyonnais Lang, the stockbroker, that the investment trust industry was "in danger of sliding into relative obscurity", with oversupply of trusts. David Harris, AITC director of adviser services, said that investment trusts had a "strong and viable future". The AITC said that investment trust shares are at an average 11 per cent discount to net asset value, offering "excellent potential value".

Ranger earnings jump

RANGER OIL, the North American energy company with extensive interests in the North Sea, lifted first-quarter earnings to $26.7 million before tax from $9.5 million in the first three months of 1996. Oil and gas revenues increased 55 per cent to $99.1 million. Results also benefited from a reduction in depletion and depreciation charges as a result of increased proven oil reserves in the North Sea. The quarterly dividend is unchanged at 8 cents a share.

BP confirms oil find

BP has confirmed that it has made a find at its offshore Alaskan Liberty prospect of an estimated 120 million barrels of recoverable oil. BP said the discovery, on the North Slope, had commercial potential and that it will go ahead with development. Appraisal drilling took place in February and March on the Liberty prospect, which is 11 miles southeast of the Endicott development and five miles offshore in the Beaufort Sea. Oil was first discovered in the area in 1982.

Ultra's American deal

ULTRA ELECTRONICS HOLDINGS has bought Flightline Electronics for $12.5 million. The acquisition is Ultra's second in America, and comes after the purchase of Measurement Systems in July. Flightline designs and makes sonobuoy telemetry receivers for maritime patrol aircraft and gyroscopes for aircraft instruments. In 1996 it earned operating profits of $2.6 million on sales of $11.6 million. Flightline sells in aerospace and defence markets.

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Jefferson Smurfit US chief bows out

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

JUST eight months after becoming chief operating officer of Jefferson Smurfit Corporation, Eric Priestley has left the company after disagreements over his role and responsibility.

The surprise announcement was made after the company's annual meeting in St Louis. Jefferson Smurfit Corporation is the 46.5 per cent owned US associate of the Jefferson Smurfit paper group, which has its headquarters in Dublin.

According to industry sources, Mr Priestley, 54, has had difficulty striking up a good working relationship with Richard Graham, the company's president and chief executive officer. Mr Graham, 62, held the post of chief operating officer before Mr Priestley's appointment.

A company spokesman refused to elaborate on the reasons for the sudden departure. "All I can say is that it was by mutual agreement. There were disagreements about the responsibilities and role of a chief operating officer," he said. The spokesman also refused to disclose details of Mr Priestley's severance package.

Mr Graham is to resume the duties of chief operating officer until a replacement is found.

Jefferson Smurfit Corporation incurred a loss of $7 million for the first quarter of 1997, compared with a profit of $53 million. The results were in line with market expectations because of the widely signalled slump in linerboard prices. Over capacity in the industry is expected to depress prices for the restof this year.

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Belgium Fr	60.42	55.78
Canada $	2.344	2.169
Cyprus Cyp£	0.869	0.802
Denmark Kr	11.14	10.31
Finland Mkk	8.89	8.19
France Fr	9.81	9.09
Germany Dm	2.94	2.71
Greece Dr	467	430
Hong Kong $	13.23	12.10
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Israel Shk	5.78	5.13
Italy Lira	2921	2699
Japan Yen	218.10	201.60
Malta	0.656	0.599
Netherlds Gld	3.310	3.033
New Zealand $	2.48	2.26
Norway Kr	12.02	11.14
Portugal Esc	291.00	270.50
S Africa Rd	7.87	6.95
Spain Pta	245.50	228.00
Sweden Kr	13.36	12.33
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.31
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PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
264½	192	Brit Biotech	241½	+		
1115	665	Cantab Pharms	982½			
673	470	Celltech	591½	+ 1½		
443½	312½	Chiroscience	320½	- 2		
293½	177½	Cortecs	223	- 10½		
1214	885½	Glaxo Wellc	1193½	- 1½	3.5	24.6
245	176½	ML Laboratories	198½			51.9
330½	252	Medeva	298½	- 1	2.6	
403	220½	Peptide Thera	330	- 7		
92	24½	Proteus Intl	59½	- 4		
737½	382½	Scotia	430			
246	216	Shire Pharms	217	- 1		
85½	64½	SkyePharma	77	- 1½		
1009	768½	SmithKBeech	995½	- 3	2.0	24.9
392	299½	Therap Anti Inc	357½			
707½	512½	Vanguard	600			
495	210	Xenova	361½			
1930	1585½	Zeneca	1873	+ 17	2.3	26.5

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	84½	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
219½	170	Cala Ins	175		1.7	13.5
208½	153½	Country Gdns	208½		1.0	19.0
262½	215	Dawson Hldgs	230	- 1	2.2	17.2
51½	37	Freepages	41	+ ½		
95½	89½	Megalomedia	92½			51.8
65	33½	Memory Corp	39½	+ 2		
590	298	Prism Rail	335	+ 5		
1285	945	Ropner Eqy	1037½	+ 42	0.1	
783	619½	Southern News	719	- 10	3.8	23.3
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½	+ 2	3.3	13.6
485	410	Surrey Fr Dept	462½	+ 12½	0.7	32.8
60½	38½	Tecnotest	37			

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100	Treas 7% 1997	100		6.98	8.25
101	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	-	8.69	6.18
106	103	Exch 15% 1997	104	-	14.42	6.29
103	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	102	-	9.54	6.42
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.21	6.58
110	107	Treas 14% 1998-01	107	-	13.04	6.68
114	111	Treas 15½% 1998	111	-	13.90	6.73
109	107	Exch 12% 1998	107	-	11.16	6.77
105	104	Treas 9½% 1999	104	-	9.12	6.81
111	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	109	-	11.20	6.88
108	106	Treas 10½% 1999	106	-	9.83	6.78
99	97	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.10	6.84
110	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	-	9.53	6.96
106	104	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.57	6.99
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.77	7.00
119	116	Treas 13% 2000	116	-	11.14	7.05
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	109	+	9.14	7.10
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	99	+	7.03	7.10
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
112	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.78	7.21
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	103	+	7.70	7.20
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.80	7.27
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114	+	10.04	7.11
86	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84	+	4.12	6.05
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	112	+	8.45	7.29
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	97	+	6.96	7.26
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	107	+	7.93	7.35
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	112	+	8.43	7.35
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.87	7.29
103	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	100	+	7.44	7.37
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	102	+	7.56	7.40
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	102		7.84	7.40
123	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.74	7.27
110	105	Treas 8½% 2007	107	+	7.90	7.41
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	99	+	7.32	7.37
114	108	Treas 9% 2008	111	+	8.06	7.45
106	101	Treas 8% 2009	104	+	7.69	7.49
LONGS (over 15 years)						
91	85	Treas 6¼% 2010	89	+	7.02	7.54
115	109	Conv 9% 2011	112	+	7.99	7.53
116	109	Treas 9% 2012	112	+	7.97	7.55
85	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	83	+	6.59	7.31
107	100	Treas 8% 2013	104	+	7.69	7.55
104	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101	+	7.63	7.57
107	101	Treas 8% 2015	104	+	7.66	7.53
115	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	112	+	7.81	7.57
108	101	Tr 8% 2021	105	+	7.61	7.53
UNDATED						
47	43	War Ln 3½%	45	+	7.86	
33	30	Treas 2½%	31	-	7.84	
54	49	Consols 4%	50	+	7.85	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114	+	..	2.17
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	187	+	2.86	3.28
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182	+	2.84	3.39
120	117	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	118	+	3.00	3.40
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	192	+	3.18	3.46
178	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	173	+	3.25	3.50
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	179	+	3.31	3.53
150	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	147	+	3.36	3.55
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	157	+	3.40	3.58
154	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150	+	3.47	3.62
128	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124	+	3.49	3.62
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	122	+	3.48	3.62

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UK Growth Acc	515.40	548.30†	+ 5.40	2.39
UK Growth Inc	328.50	350.00†	+ 3.50	2.39
Higher Inc Acc	916.50	975.00†	+ 8.30	3.89
Higher Inc Inc	480.80	511.50†	+ 4.30	3.89
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	217.20	229.30	+ 2.70	5.52
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.73	97.98	+ 1.17	5.52
Nth America	359.60	382.60†	+13.70	
Europe	402.60	428.40†	+ 8.10	0.30
Brit Excell	101.40	107.90†	+ 0.80	2.52
Brit Federatn Acc	128.10	136.30†	+ 1.60	4.82
Brit Federatn Inc	84.44	89.84†	+ 0.80	4.82
Global Opps	105.80	112.60†	+ 2.30	..
Balanced Acc	67.52	71.83†	+ 0.72	2.37
Balanced Inc	62.48	66.45†	+ 0.67	2.37
Japan Acc	39.95	42.52†	+ 1.45	..
Pac Basin Acc	386.60	411.30†	+ 8.00	0.86
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Investment Inc	822.56	835.08	+ 7.80	4.34
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City Fin Assets	81.55	85.63†	+ 0.87	1.97
City Fin Intl	88.82	93.79†	+ 0.78	0.86
Fdlty Hsg Cap	321.37	341.88	- 0.24	2.33
Buckley World Gwth	138.71	144.91†	- 3.76	..
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CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Emerging Markets	60.48	64.17	+ 0.02	...
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0345 772 233				
American Gwth	81.78	87.00	+ 2.61	0.09
Dragon Growth	71.27	75.22	+ 1.06	0.49
Equity High Inc	100.59	106.43	+ 1.21	3.65
-do- Accum	147.45	156.03	+ 1.77	3.65
Extra Income Inc	27.01	28.44†	+ 0.25	7.09
Extra Income Acc	30.59	32.21	+ 0.41	7.09
European Gwth	70.55	74.66	+ 2.22	0.30
Evergrowth	31.45	33.65	+ 0.58	
General Equity	118.19	124.74	+ 1.51	2.52
Japan Growth	39.47	41.39	+ 1.37	..
Pedigree Gwth	70.34	74.43	+ 0.85	2.09
Pnd Smr Cos Inc	41.19	43.58†	- 0.59	1.19
-do- Accum	44.12	46.69	- 0.41	1.18
Retirement Inc #	30.47	32.42	+ 0.13	5.47
Special Sits	51.01	54.85	+ 0.24	2.71
UK & Overseas	64.52	68.28	+ 1.38	0.63
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 808 000				
Balanced	75.28	78.41	+ 0.54	3.94
Capital	90.58	94.77	+ 1.08	2.32
High Income	52.79	54.98	- 0.04	5.73
Top 50	63.13	65.78	+ 0.95	2.45
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	269.70	275.33†	+ 1.95	4.27
Long Gilt	44.53	46.37†	+ 1.05	6.11
Monthly Inc Plus	51.85	54.02	+ 0.38	8.29
Preference Share	49.11	51.16†	+ 0.55	7.92
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	150.08	156.35†	+ 0.54	5.46
Managed Fund	80.29	83.64†	+ 1.19	2.85
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	55.07	57.37†	- 0.28	1.59
-do- Accum	65.86	68.61†	- 0.33	1.59
UK & General	106.84	111.39†	+ 1.15	2.71

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
World Health	177.70	189.00	+ 4.60	..
Income #	242.64	258.12	+ 0.84	4.02
UK Growth	94.01	100.01	- 0.05	1.85
Intl Growth	93.04	98.97	+ 2.32	0.57
Ecology	110.92	118.00†	- 0.38	0.88
European	231.93	246.73	+ 3.32	0.20
Far Eastern	317.40	337.60	+ 9.30	..
UK Special Sits	59.96	63.31†	- 0.45	0.38
Fd of Inv Tsts	56.41	60.17†	+ 0.23	..
High Income #	54.93	58.59†	+ 0.18	4.79

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Equity Growth	89.77	95.39†	+ 2.59	0.61
N Amer Growth	149.58	158.89	+ 6.15	0.87
Special Sits Growth	30.88	32.82	+ 0.17	2.08
UK Growth	506.48	538.80†	+ 4.42	2.52
-do- Accum	706.51	751.60	+ 6.16	2.52
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1486.00	1507.70†	+ 1.50	2.80
Income #	1088.60	1105.10	+ 8.50	4.50

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	102.60	108.00	+ 1.40	6.96
Euro Prov Inc	112.50	119.70	+ 3.00	2.75
-do- Accum	112.50	119.70	+ 3.00	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.00	127.60	+ 2.30	6.34
Global Income	240.90	256.30†	+ 3.10	3.05
High Yield	176.40	187.70†	+ 3.40	4.97
-do- Accum	594.50	632.40†	+10.90	4.97
Money Market	89.67	89.67†	+ 0.07	5.44
Smllr Cos Div	66.77	71.03†	- 0.38	3.64
Tomorrows Co Er Acc	10.50	10.86	+ 0.11	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	158.70	168.80	+ 7.10	..
Asian Growth	307.90	327.60	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	361.90	385.00	- 1.00	

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	181.80	185.50†	+ 3.20	4.13
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	95.23	99.21†	+ 0.23	6.76
M & S Inv Pfolio	190.70	196.60	+ 3.10	2.36
-do- Accum	228.60	235.70	+ 3.80	2.35
UK Sel Ptflo	173.10	178.50	+ 1.90	2.35
-do- Accum	210.60	217.30	+ 2.30	2.35
UK 100 Cos	132.20	132.20	+ 2.60	2.44
-do- Accum	135.50	135.50	+ 2.70	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	71.21	75.75	+ 0.05	3.51

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THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

B&B unveils new children's account

Children under the age of 15 may be interested in a new savings account from Bradford & Bingley. The KIDZONE account can be opened with a minimum of £10 and the maximum balance permitted is £25,000. The interest rate on investments between £10 and £499 is 5.80 per cent gross per annum and 6 per cent per annum on balances over £500. A free Penguin or Puffin book will be given to youngsters as an incentive. Call 0800 592588.

■ THE number of insurers offering pet health cover to the UK's 10 million cat and dog-owning households has more than doubled in the past two years. As part of National Pet Week, which runs until May 11, PAWS, the pet insurer, is voicing concern that cheap insurance is not always the best option. PAWS Pet Insurance has produced a free leaflet, which includes details of discounts available for crossbreed pets. Call 0121 626 7891.

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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME

Rates as at May 1, 1997

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	4.35
	5,000	GE Financial Assur	5.90
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	6.05
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.15
2 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.15
	5,000	GE Financial Assur	6.15
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	6.25
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.35
3 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.65
	5,000	GE Financial Assur	6.53
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	6.63
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.73
4 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	6.10
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	6.35
5 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	6.15
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	7.00

Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sainsbury's Bank 0500 405060	Instant Access	Instant	£1	5.75	Yly
Nationwide BS 0800 665511	Invest Direct	Postal	£500	6.40	Yly
Northern Rock BS 0500 505000	Select Instant	Postal	£5,000	6.35	Yly
Nationwide BS 0800 665511	Invest Direct	Postal	£10,000	6.45	Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS & BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Nottingham BS 0115 956 4422	Postal Plus	30 day p	£2,500	6.40	Yly
Northern Rock BS 0500 505000	Select 60	60 day p	£25,000	6.70	Yly
Scarborough BS 0800 590578	Scarborough 100	100 day	£1,000	6.30	Yly
Leopold Joseph 0171 588 2323	100 Day Notice	100 day	£10,000	6.54	Yly

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505	Fixed+feeder a/c	5 year	£8,575	7.55	F/Yly
Bank of Ireland (GB) 0800 971971	Fixed+feeder opt	5 year	£3,000	7.50	F/Yly
West Bromwich BS 0990 143668		5 year	£3,000	7.00	Yly
Monmouthshire BS 01633 840454		5 year	£1,000	7.00	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
RBS Advanta 0800 077770	Visa	0.79%N	9.90%N	Nil
Capital One Bank 0800 669000	Visa	0.79%N	9.90%N	Nil
Co-operative Bank 0800 109000	Advantage Visa	0.87%C	10.90%	Nil

PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Northern Rock BS 0345 421421	11.90%H	£112.82	£102.49
Lombard Direct 0800 215000	13.90%A	£120.02	£101.20
RBS Direct 0800 121125	14.00%	£114.95	£101.45

Nb. A = APR dependent on credit rating, B = Withdrawals via Bank Clearing System, C = no interest free period, F = Fixed Rate (all other rates variable), H = Higher rate applies if insurance not arranged, N = Introductory rate for a limited period, P = By Post only

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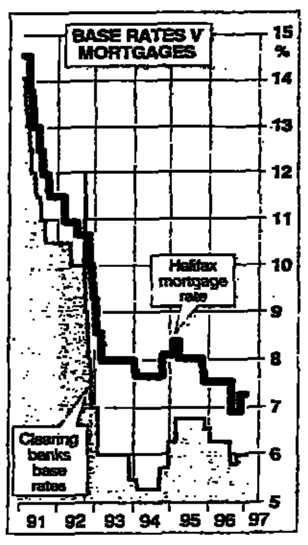
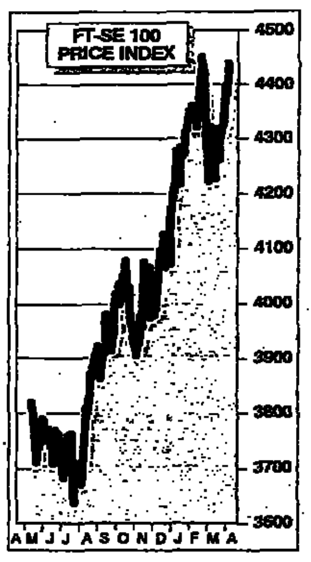
Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 20%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	1.50	1.20	0.90	10-10,000**		0645 645000
Investment A/c*▪	4.75	3.80	2.85	20-500**†	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond*▪	6.00	4.80	3.60	2,000-25,000**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond▪	6.00	4.80	3.60	1,000-20,000**		0645 645000
44th Issue Cert†‡	5.35			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.75			25-1,000	1mth	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bonds▪	6.65	5.32	3.99	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
10th Index Linked†‡	2.50			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S3▪	7.00	5.60	4.20	500-50,000▪	60day	0645 645000

*¹ first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free [illegible] for up to £10[illegible] ‡ Unlimited additional holdings for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and [illegible] ‡Guaranteed when held for 5 years [illegible] 0.2% net bonus for £20 000—£100 000 [illegible] on S1 and S2 holdings ▪Taxable but cred in full *£500-100,000 earn higher rates **Tiered rates apply*

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advanc

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age
Generali ....Level	£ 9,880	£10,916	£12,2
Canada Life..........Level	£ 9,792	£10,870	£12,3
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£ 9,806	£10,847	£12,2
Standard Lf ....Level	£ 9,776	£10,844	£12,2
Equitable Lf..........Level	£ 9,905	£10,824	£12,0

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age
Prudential ....Level	£9,237	£10,036	£11,2
Canada Life ....Level	£9,096	£ 9,901	£11,0
Generali ....Level	£8,987	£ 9,839	£11,0
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£9,066	£ 9,806	£10,8
Norwich Union .....Level	£8,973	£ 9,765	£10,9

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 Female: Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age Age
Prudential ....Level	£8,763	£9,290	£10,1
Generali ....Level	£8,664	£9,289	£10,15
Canada Life ....Level	£8,671	£9,287	£10,16
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£8,690	£9,264	£10,08
Equitable Lf..........Level	£8,660	£9,186	£ 9,91

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

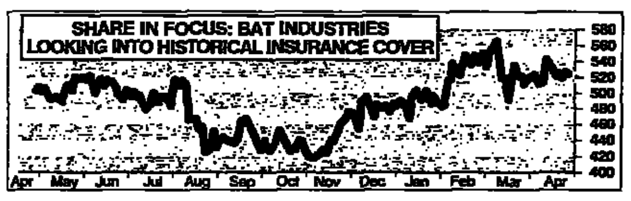
Statistics compiled by Lizanne Rose

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	105.86	8.840	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	130.58	8.903	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	145.93	8.908	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	150.96	8.860	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	146.42	8.878	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	136.84	8.825	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	130.96	8.973	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	102.21	8.561	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	136.01	8.487	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	158.01	8.623	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	150.96	8.860	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	122.19	8.779	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	142.54	8.857	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	144.47	8.739	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	145.35	8.858	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (30/09-27/03)	9.04063%	113.25	100.00	1,000
First Nat(22/09-20/03)	9.12031%	102.00	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source: ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Northern Rock 0800 591500	4.79	to £80k	95	2.50% discount to 1.6.2000
Woolwich Local branch	4.29	£20-200k	50	2.50% disc 12 mths+2.50%cshbk
Nationwide 0800 302010	4.39	£150-300k	90	2.60% discount for 1 year
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.50% disc-6 mth 3% disc-6 mths
Royal Bank of Scot 0800 121121	4.25	£150-250k	90	3% discount to 1.10.97

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0800 590547	0.25	£30-100k	95	6.99% dsc-6 mth 2%-6mth,0.5%-1y
Nottingham Imper. 0115 9817220	0.75	£25-150k	75	Fixed at 0.75% to 31.1.98
Universal 0191 232 0973	1.24	£20-150k	95	6% discount to 1.7.98
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.50% dsc-6 mth 3% dsc-6 mth
Alliance & Leicester 0800 412214	4.25	to £250k	90	3% discount to 1.5.98

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 119955	4.99	£15k+	95	Fixed to 1.3.98 plus 1% cashback
Newbury 01635 43676	3.99	£15-100k	95	3% discount for 12 months
Halifax 01422 333333	4.25	no min/max	95	3%dsc-31.5.99,0.5% over SVR-31.5.2004
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01189 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.50% disc 6 mths 3% disc 6 mths
Abbey National 01908 343400	4.89	to £125k	95	Fixed to 31.7.99

Larger lenders, loans and first-time buyers tables by Bay's Guides Ltd (01753 880482)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh. EH12 9SE 0131 339 9190				
Balanced	545.30	577.10	+ 4.10	...
UK Equity	736.90	779.80	+ 4.70	...
Property	429.30	454.30	+ 0.50	.
Fixed Interest	364.90	385.80	+ 3.00	...
Money	273.70	289.70	+ 0.20	...
International	429.50	454.00	+ 8.40	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	202	212.70	- 2.10	...
Ethical S4	169.10	178.00	- 2.00	..
International S4	222.80	234.60	+ 3.50	...
Protected Gth S4	127.30	134	+ 0.40	..
Asian Pacific	205.50	216.40	- 1.40	.
European S4	230.80	243.00	+ 0.90	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	415.30	437.20	+ 2.40	..
Equity Ser 4	289.80	305.10	+ 3.90	.
Man Ser 4	917.90	966.90	+ 6.80	.
Cons Ser 4	359.30	378.30	...	..
Money Ser 4	359.00	377.90	..	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	406.70	428.00	+ 2.10	
American Ser 4	701.90	738.90	+11.60	
High Inc Ser 4	883.60	930.20	+ 4.90	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	233.70	246.00	- 0.90	...
Japan Ser 4	287.40	302.60	+ 8.20	..
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	2056.90	2165.10	+ 9.30	..
European Fd Acc	521.50	548.90	+12.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	581.90	612.50	+ 5.00	..
Gtd Money Acc	365.90	385.10	+ 0.30	..
Intl Managed Acc	758.70	798.60	+14.90	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	370.10	389.50	+ 3.80	..
Japan Fund	231.00	243.10	+10.40	..
N American Acc	438.40	461.40	+10.80	..
Prop Fd Acc	489.70	515.40	+ 0.60	.
Multiple Inv Acc	1280.90	1348.30	+12.20	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	410.40	432.00	+ 0.30	..
Equity Acc	1814.70	1909.60	+20.30	.
Property Acc	686.70	722.80	+ 8.50	...
Far East Acc	318.20	335.00	+ 2.80	...
Managed Capital	637.70	671.30	+ 6.70	...
-do- Acc	1376.20	1448.70	+15.00	..
Overseas Acc	1287.20	1355.00	+15.20	..
Gilt Edged Acc	568.90	598.80	+ 7.10	
Amer Equity Acc	1191.40	1254.20	+32.30	.
Amer Man Acc	496.50	522.70	+12.50	..
Amer Prop Acc	118.40	124.70	+ 0.40	..
Distribution Bonds	26.00	27.40	+ 0.30	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	181.00	190.50	+ 0.40	..
Balncd Ser 6	902.00	949.40	+ 6.00	...
Opportunity Ser 6	205.90	216.60	+ 1.40	.
Distribution Ser 6	106.80	112.40	+ 0.70	6.51
UK Equities Ser 6	£13.55	£14.26	+13.50	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	£13.91	£14.64	+16.50	..
North Amer Ser 6	575.60	605.80	+ 1.50	...
Far East Ser 6	545.50	574.20	+ 5.10	..
Europe Ser 6	516.80	544.00	+ 0.20	..
Intnl Ser 6	675.70	711.20	+ 2.10	..
Property Ser 6	615.90	648.30	- 1.40	.
Fixed Int Ser 6	503.30	529.70	+ 2.50	
Ind-Lnkd Ser S6	203.50	214.20	+ 0.70	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	327.00	344.20	+ 0.10	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	1153.40	1214.20	+ 6.90	..
-do- Initial	700.00	736.90	+ 2.00	
Gilt Edged Acc	452.60	476.50	+ 5.00	..
-do- Initial	277.20	291.80	+ 2.30	.
International Acc	470.30	495.10	+10.70	...
-do- Initial	286.10	301.20	+ 5.70	
Managed Acc	665.00	700.10	+ 7.30	
-do- Initial	406.00	427.40	+ 3.30	..
Money Acc	319.20	336.10	+ 0.20	..
Property Acc	328.00	345.30	+ 1.50	..
-do- Initial	199.70	210.20	+ 0.80	..
America Acc	411.10	432.80	+10.10	.
Far East Gwth	270.20	284.50	+12.30	..
Financial Acc	509.90	536.80	+ 3.50	...
500 Accum	542.00	570.60	- 5.00	.
Japan Acc	228.50	240.60	+10.20	...
Income Acc	675.70	711.30	.	.
Leisure Acc	331.80	349.30	- 2.10	..
Special Sits Acc	350.60	369.20	+ 1.90	...
Univ Tech Acc	193.10	203.30	+ 4.00	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	£10.12	£10.62	+10.22	...
Income Fund	970.71	1021.80	+13.41	...
Extra Income	869.92	915.71	+ 0.46	..
Worldwide Gth	567.57	597.45	+ 9.12	.
Balanced Fund	861.68	907.25	+ 6.56	..
Smllr Cos Recov	£11.05	1163.60	- 1.57	...
N Amer & Genrl	490.46	516.28	-14.35	..
Pacific Basin	415.00	436.84	- 2.16	...
German Growth	284.29	299.26	- 0.66	..
Japan Growth	150.20	158.11	+ 2.21	...
The UK Gth Fd	279.74	294.47	+ 1.98	..
Contl Euro Gth	178.76	188.17	+ 0.78	..
Property Fund	434.05	456.88	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	377.18	397.04	+ 5.58	
Cash Fund	310.27	326.60	+ 0.25	..
Managed Inv	597.34	628.78	+ 6.28	..
Nth Amer Recov	288.76	303.96	+ 2.08	
Amtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	543.86	572.49	- 3.07	.
BRITANNIA 50 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 6HR 0141 248 2000				
Measured Perf	212.50	224.90	+ 3.90	...
Performance Plus	237.90	251.70	+ 2.50	...
With Profit Pert	192.50	203.70	+ 0.20	.

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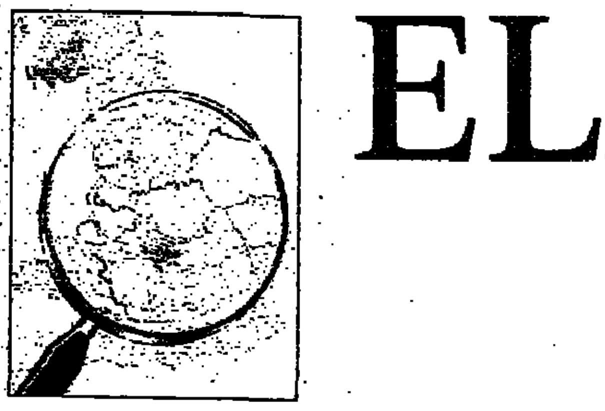

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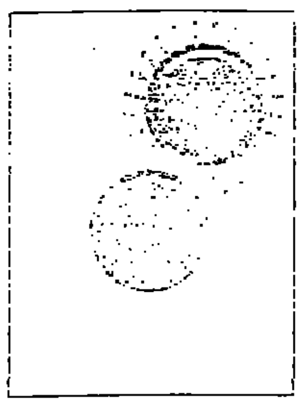

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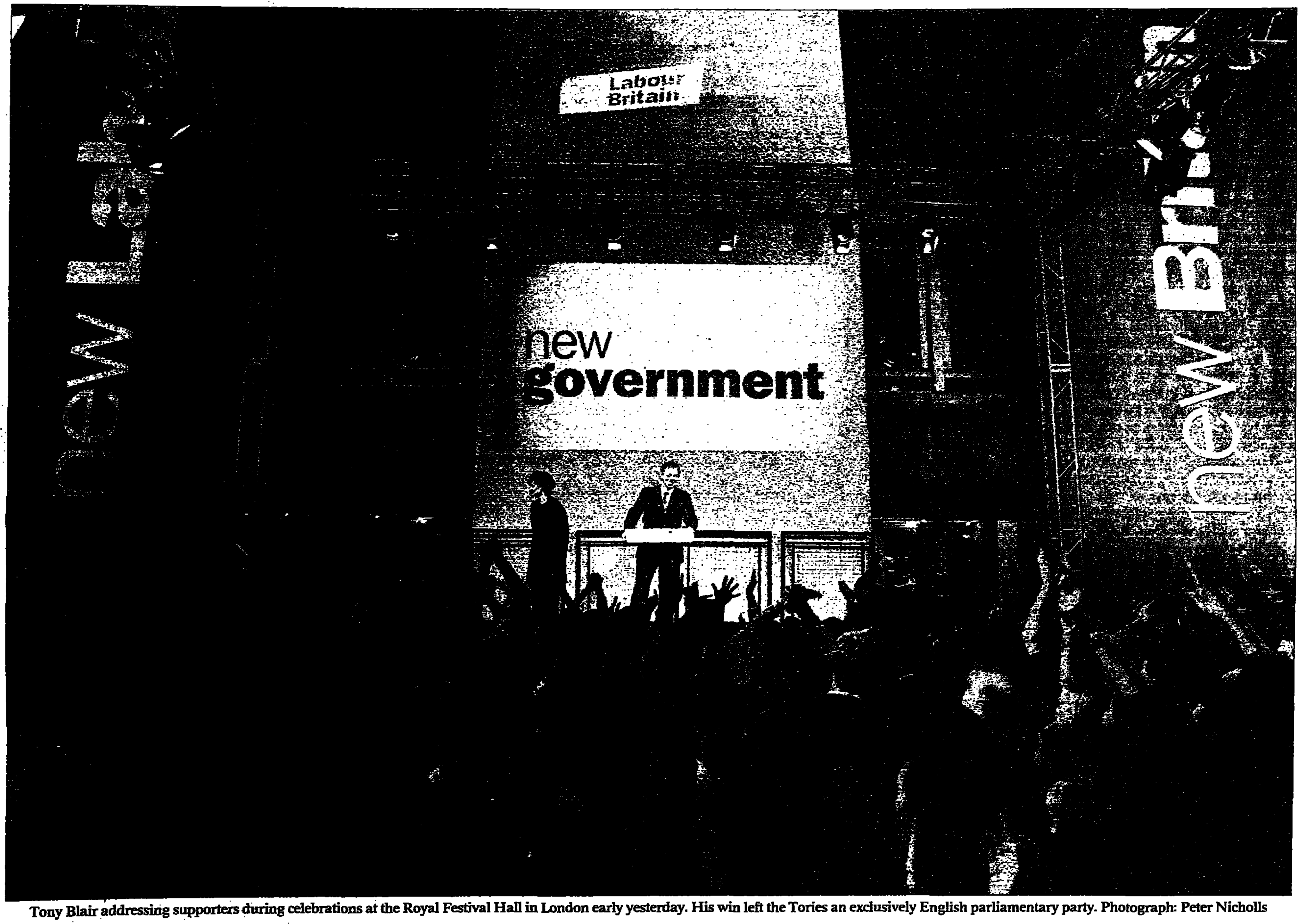
This will go down less as a Labour victory than as the election the Tories lost, **Tim Hames** writes

The tactics that triggered a landslide



Tony Blair addressing supporters during celebrations at the Royal Festival Hall in London early yesterday. His win left the Tories an exclusively English parliamentary party. Photograph: Peter Nicholls

DEPENDING on what yardstick one favours, the 1997 General Election was the worst performance by the Conservative Party since 1906, 1859 or 1832.

The disaster suffered by the Duke of Wellington 165 years ago — in a contest in which more than 90 per cent of the adult populace was deprived of the franchise — is not an especially useful comparison. "Damn democracy," said the Iron Duke in the aftermath of his mauling. Many Conservatives will feel the same this weekend.

The real benchmark is 1906, when the Conservatives collapsed from 402 to 157 seats. The Liberals won a stunning victory, increasing their strength from 184 to 400 seats.

But exactly which historical example is the clearest precedent will be rather irrelevant to the scores of defeated Tory candidates this weekend. The sheer scale of the Labour landslide swept away virtually all Conservatives in marginal or semi-marginal seats, regardless of personal philosophy or quality. It also ended the careers of many figures who were perfectly entitled to think of themselves as occupying safe seats that would provide a lifetime of political employment.

The Tories won only 25 per cent of constituencies despite more than 30 per cent of the total votes cast. They would have done better under proportional representation. The first-past-the-post system has proved enormously helpful to a Labour Party formally committed to a referendum on its future.

In the past few days the Tory command had prepared itself for a heavy hammering. However, few thought the extent of Labour's victory could produce a majority much in excess of 125. The final majority figure — 179 — is far greater than either the Attlee triumph of 1945 or the Thatcher rout of 1983 and will have been an enormous shock to Conservative Central Office.

It will have been equally surprising, but considerably more pleasing, for the Labour strategists. The difference between majorities of 125 and 179 might seem academic to outside observers. In parliamentary terms it largely is, but the political impact is fundamental. Under what the Tories had assumed was their worst-case scenario, some cabinet ministers — Michael Forsyth, Ian Lang, Malcolm Rifkind and William Waldegrave — would have lost their seats as well as office. The extra, unexpected, Labour victories brought down Tony Newton and Michael Portillo as well.

The loss of the former Defence Secretary will prove at least as significant as the ejection of Chris Patten in Bath five years ago. The closest parallel with Mr Portillo's plight in 1997 is, ironically, that of Tony Benn, who lost his seat in Bristol in the Thatcher sweep of 1983. That upset precluded Mr Benn from entering the Labour leadership contest as the standard-bearer of the Left. It allowed Neil Kinnock the political space to capture the pole position. Mr Portillo's misfortune may now allow William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, to emulate Mr Kinnock.

In one sense, the Tories were right to assume that a Labour majority under 130 was about as bad as it could get. The swing from the Government to the Labour Party was a little over 10 per cent. Labour scored 44.4 cent compared with 31.3 cent for the Tories. Tony Blair's party achieved only a modest advance in percentage terms from its performance in 1959 and 1970, which saw big defeats for Labour. The real story of this campaign has been the meltdown of Conservative support. It was the lowest since 1832, a full five points beneath their showing in October 1974, which until yesterday was the biggest Tory disaster this century.

Nevertheless, the overall national result, had it been repeated uniformly across the country, would have produced a Labour majority of "only" 100 to 120 seats. Put another way, Mr Blair's lead of 13 percentage points delivered him his 179-seat margin. In 1983, The Tories were nearly 15 points ahead of Labour, but their majority was 35 seats lower.

A set of additional advantageous factors pushed Labour even further over the top and damned the Conservatives to an exceptionally crushing debacle. Those were: the difference between regions masked by the national total; the disproportionate Labour surge in marginal seats; and the impact of the Liberal Democrats. Put together they turned a heavy defeat into an earthquake of historic proportions.

The regional dimension was exceptionally important. Labour scored less than a 10 per cent swing *in Scotland, Wales and the North of* England. But these areas were already dominated by the party. It could afford a relatively modest score. Even with this "underperformance", it could still remove all the remaining Tories from both Scotland and Wales.

The further south, the bigger the shift in Tony Blair's direction. In London and the Home Counties, Labour saw swings reaching up to 15 per cent. Such regions were rich in seats that Labour needed to win. Outer London saw exceptional swings against Tory candidates.

The net impact was to leave the Tories bereft of any representation *in virtually all urban areas.* Birmingham, Edinburgh, Leeds and Sheffield do not have a Conservative MP between them. Liverpool had lost all its Tories by the 1979 ballot. Glasgow went completely red in 1983, Manchester the same in 1987, Leicester and Nottingham by 1992.

What remains is an exclusively English Tory parliamentary caucus, based on the countryside and some suburbs. That was broadly what the Tories resembled after the great 1906 trauma which also left them without an MP in Wales.

Regardless of region, the Conservatives did far worse in marginals than in more conventional constituencies. That had the obvious impact of stretching Labour's majority. That, too, had occurred in 1992, but not on a large enough scale to deprive John Major of 10 Downing Street. The movement in the marginals was nearly five *points stronger than the national* average. To some degree, although this can be overstated, this was the result of tactical voting, a concept much promised in the 1980s that never fully materialised.

The Liberal Democrats rubbed salt in the Tory wounds. Their share of the entire vote fell slightly from 18 per cent last time to 17 per cent on Thursday. Nonetheless, they managed to double their standing in the House of Commons compared with April 1992.

The ruthless and extremely effective targeting of Tory marginals delivered several upset victories, such as their triumph in Harrogate that dismissed Norman Lamont. But this concentration had a secondary effect: many seats, especially in southern England, were effectively abandoned. In places such as Hastings, Hove and Lewes, the Liberal vote slipped back and transferred itself almost entirely to new Labour. That ensured the demise of some Tories who must have thought themselves safe. This was the election when the Liberal Democrats finally stopped moaning about the electoral system and started using it to their advantage.

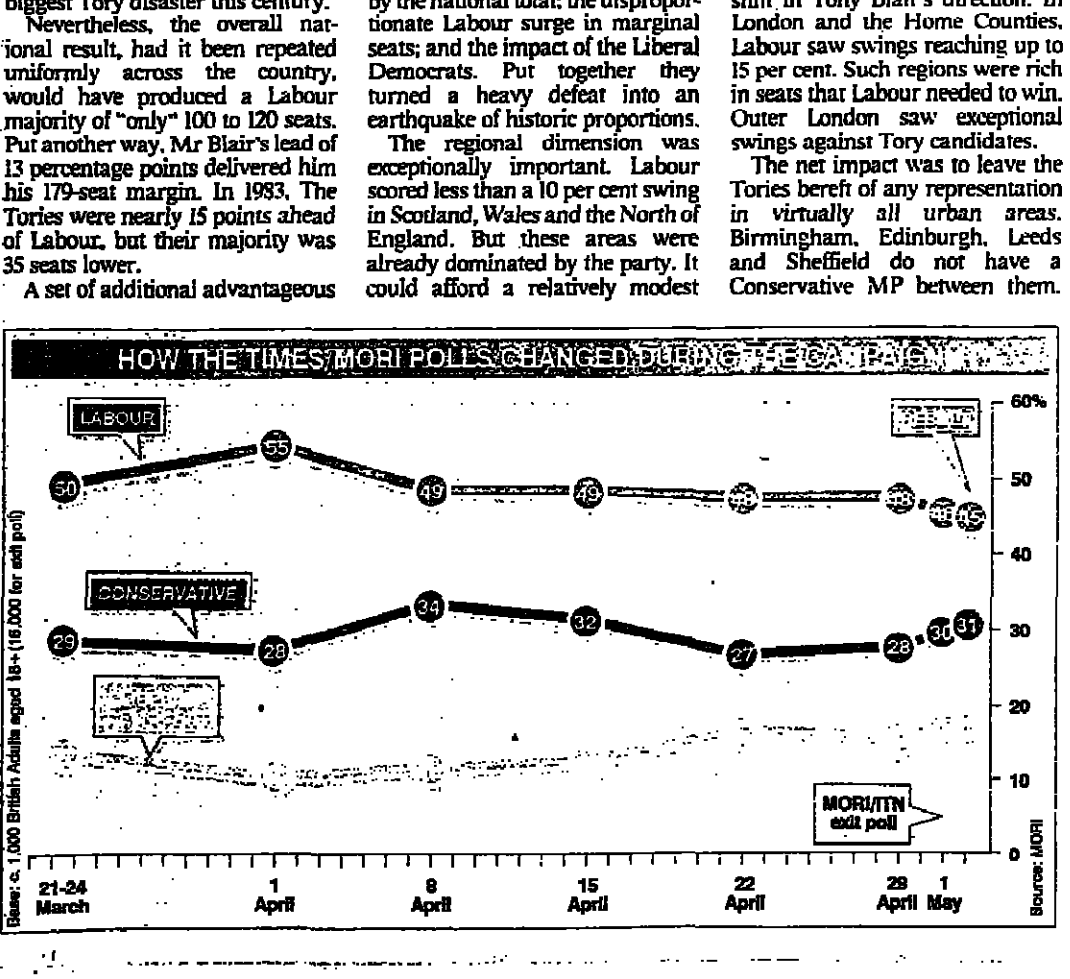
All other factors are insignificant compared with these three elements. There is some evidence, especially in the South, that seats which saw an unusually sharp drop in turnout also witnessed an especially intense reduction in the Conservative vote. Labour was also affected by the 6 per cent slide in participation.

There seems to have been no special advantage (or disadvantage) in Conservative candidates coming out in Eurosceptic colours. The Tories now seem polarised between the two most extreme aspects of the Europe debate. Those figures associated with financial sleaze — Neil Hamilton and Michael Brown — *suffered at the ballot* box. Sexual indiscretion was more moderately punished. David Mellor lost, but Tim Yeo and Piers Merchant both survived.

Without wishing to take any credit away from Tony Blair, who exploited his opportunity with enormous skill, or Paddy Ashdown, who has managed a magnificent result for his party, it will be the destruction of the Conservatives in this contest that will excite the psephologists and future historians. This was truly the election that the Tories lost.

Political recovery will be difficult, but not impossible. For hope and historical encouragement they must turn to, of all people, Ramsay MacDonald, the first Labour Prime Minister. In 1924 the Tories ousted Labour and won a massive majority of 223 seats. At the subsequent poll — 1929 — Labour was revitalised and the Tories lost 159 constituencies. A transformation of that magnitude will be required to remove Tony Blair from power

The net result has been to leave the Conservatives with almost no urban representation. What remains is a party based almost entirely in the countryside and some suburbs



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The new House of Commons

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***ABBOTT, Ms D** (Hackney North & Stoke Newington)	Lab
ADAMS, G (Belfast West)	SF
ADAMS, Mrs I (Paisley North)	Lab
AINGER, N R (Carmarthen West & Pembrokeshire South)	Lab
AINSWORTH, R W (Coventry North East)	Lab
AINSWORTH, P (Surrey East)	C
ALLAN, R (Sheffield Hallam)	LD
***ALLEN, G** (Nottingham North)	Lab
AMESS, D A (Southend West)	C
ANCRAM, M (Devizes)	C
ANDERSON, Mrs J (Rossendale & Darwen)	Lab
***ANDERSON, D** (Swansea East)	Lab
ARBUTHNOT, J N (Hampshire North East)	C
ARMSTRONG, Miss H (Durham North West)	Lab
ASHDOWN, P (Yeovil)	LD
ASHTON, J (Bassetlaw)	Lab
ATHERTON, Ms C (Falmouth & Camborne)	Lab
ATKINS, Ms C (Staffordshire Moorlands)	Lab
ATKINSON, D (Bournemouth East)	C
***ATKINSON, P** (Hexham)	C
AUSTIN-WALKER, J (Erith & Thamesmead)	Lab

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BAKER, N (Lewes)	LD
BALDRY, A B (Banbury)	C
BALLARD, Mrs J (Taunton)	LD
BANKS, T L (West Ham)	Lab
***BARNES, H** (Derbyshire North East)	Lab
***BARRON, K** (Rother Valley)	Lab
***BATTLE, J** (Leeds West)	Lab
***BAYLEY, H** (York, City of)	Lab
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BECKETT, Mrs M (Derby South)	Lab
BEGG, Ms M A (Aberdeen South)	Lab
BEGGS, R (Antrim East)	UUP
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BELL, S (Middlesbrough)	Lab
BELL, M (Tatton)	Ind
***BENN, T** (Chesterfield)	Lab
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BENTON, J (Bootle)	Lab
BERCOW, J S (Buckingham)	C
BERESFORD, Sir Paul (Mole Valley)	C
BERMINGHAM, G E (St Helens South)	Lab
BERRY, Dr R (Kingswood)	Lab
BEST, H (Leeds North West)	Lab
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BLAIR, T (Sedgefield)	Lab
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BLUNT, C (Reigate)	C
BOATENG, P (Brent South)	Lab
BODY, Sir Richard (Boston & Skegness)	C
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BORROW, D (Ribble South)	Lab
BOSWELL, T E (Daventry)	C
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CANN, J (Ipswich)	Lab
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CASH, W N P (Stone)	C
CATON, M (Gower)	Lab
CAWSEY, I (Brigg & Goole)	Lab
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HASELHURST, Sir Alan (Saffron Walden)	C
HAWKINS, N J (Surrey Heath)	C
HAYES, J (South Holland & The Deepings)	C
HEAL, Mrs S L (Halesowen & Rowley Regis)	Lab
HEALD, O (Hertfordshire North East)	C
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HUMBLE, Mrs J (Blackpool North & Fleetwood)	Lab
HUME, J (Foyle)	SDLP
HUNTER, A (Basingstoke)	C
HURST, A (Braintree)	Lab
***HUTTON, J** (Barrow & Furness)	Lab

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ILLSLEY, E (Barnsley Central)	Lab
INGRAM, A (East Kilbride)	Lab

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JONES, Ms J (Wolverhampton South West)	Lab
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KENNEDY, Ms J E (Liverpool Wavertree)	Lab
KENNEDY, C P (Ross, Skye & Inverness West)	LD
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KHABRA, P (Ealing Southall)	Lab
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KING, A (Rugby & Kenilworth)	Lab
KING, Ms O (Bethnal Green & Bow)	Lab
KINGHAM, Ms T (Gloucester)	Lab
KIRKBRIDE, Miss J (Bromsgrove)	C
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LADYMAN, Dr S (Thanet South)	Lab
LAING, Mrs E F (Epping Forest)	C
LANSLEY, A (Cambridgeshire South)	C
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LAXTON, B (Derby North)	Lab
LEIGH, E J E (Gainsborough)	C
LEPPER, D (Brighton Pavilion)	Lab Co-op
LESLIE, C (Shipley)	Lab
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LEVITT, T (High Peak)	Lab
LEWIS, I (Bury South)	Lab
LEWIS, T (Worsley)	Lab
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LIDDELL, Mrs H L (Airdrie and Shotts)	Lab
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LINTON, M (Battersea)	Lab
LIVINGSTONE, K (Brent East)	Lab
LIVSEY, R (Brecon & Radnorshire)	LD
LLOYD, Sir Peter (Fareham)	C
LLOYD, A J (Manchester Central)	Lab
***LLWYD, E** (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy)	PC
LOCK, D (Wyre Forest)	Lab
LORD, M N (Suffolk Central & Ipswich North)	C
LOUGHTON, T (Worthing East & Shoreham)	C
LOVE, A (Edmonton)	Lab Co-op
LUFF, P J (Worcestershire Mid)	C
LYELL, Sir Nicholas (Bedfordshire North East)	C

M

MACGREGOR, J (Norfolk South)	C
***MACKINLAY, A** (Thurrock)	Lab
***MACSHANE, D** (Rotherham)	Lab
MACTAGGART, Ms F (Slough)	Lab
***MACDONALD, C A** (Western Isles)	Lab
MACKAY, A (Bracknell)	C
MACLEAN, D (Penrith & The Border)	C
MACLENNAN, R A R (Caithness, Sunderland & Easter Ross)	LD
MADEL, Sir David (Bedfordshire South West)	C
MAGINNIS, K (Fermanagh & South Tyrone)	UUP
***MAHON, Mrs A** (Halifax)	Lab
MAJOR, J (Huntingdon)	C
MALINS, H (Woking)	C
MALLABER, Ms J (Amber Valley)	Lab
MALLON, S (Newry & Armagh)	SDLP
***MANDELSON, P** (Hartlepool)	Lab
MAPLES, J (Stratford-on-Avon)	C
MAREK, Dr J (Wrexham)	Lab
MARSDEN, G (Blackpool South)	Lab
MARSDEN, P (Shrewsbury & Atcham)	Lab
MARSHALL, D (Glasgow Shettleston)	Lab
***MARSHALL, J** (Leicester South)	Lab
MARSHALL-ANDREWS, R (Medway)	Lab
MARTIN, M (Glasgow Springburn)	Lab
MARTLEW, E (Carlisle)	Lab
MATES, M (Hampshire East)	C
MAUDE, F A A (Horsham)	C
MAWHINNEY, Dr B S (Cambridgeshire North West)	C
MAXTON, J (Glasgow Cathcart)	Lab
MAY, Mrs T M (Maidenhead)	C
MCALLION, J (Dundee East)	Lab
MCAVOY, T (Glasgow Rutherglen)	Lab Co-op
MCCABE, S (Birmingham Hall Green)	Lab
MCCAFFERTY, Ms C (Calder Valley)	Lab
MCCARTNEY, R (Down North)	UKU
MCCARTNEY, I (Makerfield)	Lab
MCDONAGH, Ms S (Mitcham & Morden)	Lab
MCDONNELL, J (Hayes & Harlington)	Lab
***MCFALL, J** (Dumbarton)	Lab Co-op
MCGRADY, E K (Down South)	SDLP
MCGUINNESS, M (Ulster Mid)	SF
MCGUIRE, Mrs A (Stirling)	Lab
MCINTOSH, Miss A (Vale of York)	C
MCISAAC, Ms S (Cleethorpes)	Lab
MCKENNA, Ms R (Cumbernauld & Kilsyth)	Lab
MCLEISH, H (Fife Central)	Lab
MCLOUGHLIN, P (Derbyshire West)	C
MCMASTER, G (Paisley South)	Lab Co-op
***MCNAMARA, K** (Hull North)	Lab
MCNULTY, T (Harrow East)	Lab
MCWALTER, T (Hemel Hempstead)	Lab Co-op
***MCWILLIAM, J** (Blaydon)	Lab
MEACHER, M H (Oldham West & Royton)	Lab
***MEALE, A** (Mansfield)	Lab
MERCHANT, P (Beckenham)	C
MERRON, Ms G (Lincoln)	Lab
***MICHAEL, A** (Cardiff South & Penarth)	Lab Co-op
***MICHIE, Mrs R** (Argyll & Bute)	LD
***MICHIE, B** (Sheffield Heeley)	Lab
***MILBURN, A** (Darlington)	Lab
MILLER, A (Ellesmere Port & Neston)	Lab
***MITCHELL, A** (Great Grimsby)	Lab
MOFFATT, Mrs L (Crawley)	Lab
MOONIE, L (Kirkcaldy)	Lab Co-op
MOORE, M (Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale)	LD
MORAN, Ms M (Luton South)	Lab
MORGAN, Ms J (Cardiff North)	Lab
MORGAN, R (Cardiff West)	Lab
MORGAN, A (Galloway & Upper Nithsdale)	SNP
MORLEY, E A (Scunthorpe)	Lab
***MORRIS, J** (Aberavon)	Lab
***MORRIS, Ms E** (Birmingham Yardley)	Lab
MOSS, M (Cambridgeshire North East)	C
MOUNTFORD, Ms K (Colne Valley)	Lab
MOWLAM, Dr M (Redcar)	Lab
***MUDIE, G** (Leeds East)	Lab
MULLIN, C (Sunderland South)	Lab
MURPHY, J (Eastwood)	Lab
***MURPHY, P** (Torfaen)	Lab
MURPHY, D (Wansbeck)	Lab

N

***NAYSMITH, D** (Bristol North West)	(Lab Co-op)
NICHOLLS, P (Teignbridge)	C
NORMAN, A (Tunbridge Wells)	C
NORRIS, D (Wansdyke)	Lab

O

O'BRIEN, W (Normanton)	Lab
O'BRIEN, M (Warwickshire North)	Lab
O'HARA, E (Knowsley South)	Lab
O'NEILL, M J (Ochil)	Lab
OATEN, M (Winchester)	LD
***OLNER, B** (Nuneaton)	Lab
OPIK, L (Montgomeryshire)	LD
ORGAN, Ms D M (Forest of Dean)	Lab
OSBORNE, Mrs S (Ayr)	Lab
OTTAWAY, R (Croydon South)	C
***OWEN JONES, J** (Cardiff Central)	Lab Co-op

P

PAGE, R (Hertfordshire South West)	C
PAICE, J E T (Cambridgeshire South East)	C
***PAISLEY, Rev I** (Antrim North)	DUP
PALMER, N (Broxtowe)	Lab
PATERSON, O (Shropshire North)	C
PEARSON, I P (Dudley South)	Lab
PENDRY, T (Stalybridge & Hyde)	Lab
PERHAM, Ms L (Ilford North)	Lab
PICKLES, E (Brentwood & Ongar)	C
PICKTHALL, C (Lancashire West)	Lab
***PIKE, P** (Burnley)	Lab
PLASKITT, J (Warwick & Leamington)	Lab
POLLARD, K (St Albans)	Lab
POND, C (Gravesham)	Lab
POPE, G (Hyndburn)	Lab
POUND, S (Ealing North)	Lab
***POWELL, Sir Raymond** (Ogmore)	Lab
PRENTICE, Ms B T (Lewisham East)	Lab
***PRENTICE, G** (Pendle)	Lab
***PRESCOTT, J** (Hull East)	Lab
PRIMAROLO, Ms D (Bristol South)	Lab
PRIOR, D (Norfolk North)	C
PROSSER, G (Dover)	Lab
PURCHASE, K (Wolverhampton North East)	Lab Co-op

Q

QUIN, Miss J G (Gateshead East & Washington West)	Lab
QUINN, L (Scarborough & Whitby)	Lab

R

RADICE, G (Durham North)	Lab
RAMMELL, B (Harlow)	Lab
RAPSON, S (Portsmouth North)	Lab
RAYNSFORD, W R N (Greenwich & Woolwich)	Lab
REDWOOD, J (Wokingham)	C
REED, A (Loughborough)	Lab
REID, Dr J (Hamilton North & Bellshill)	Lab
RENDEL, D (Newbury)	LD
ROBATHAN, A (Blaby)	C
ROBERTSON, G I M (Hamilton South)	Lab
ROBERTSON, L (Tewkesbury)	C
ROBINSON, P (Belfast East)	DUP
ROBINSON, G (Coventry North West)	Lab
***ROCHE, Mrs B** (Hornsey & Wood Green)	Lab
ROE, Mrs M (Broxbourne)	C
***ROGERS, A** (Rhondda)	Lab
ROOKER, J (Birmingham Perry Barr)	Lab
***ROONEY, T** (Bradford North)	Lab
ROSS, E (Dundee West)	Lab
ROSS, W (Londonderry East)	UUP
ROWE, A J B (Faversham & Kent Mid)	C
***ROWLANDS, T** (Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney)	Lab
ROY, F (Motherwell & Wishaw)	Lab
RUANE, C (Vale of Clwyd)	Lab
RUDDOCK, Mrs J (Lewisham Deptford)	Lab
RUFFLEY, D (Bury St Edmunds)	C
RUSSELL, Ms C (Chester, City of)	Lab
RUSSELL, R E (Colchester)	LD
RYAN, Ms J (Enfield North)	Lab

S

SALMOND, A (Banff & Buchan)	SNP
SALTER, M (Reading West)	Lab
SANDERS, A (Torbay)	LD
SARWAR, M (Glasgow Govan)	Lab
SAVIDGE, M (Aberdeen North)	Lab
SAWFORD, P A (Kettering)	Lab
SAYEED, J (Bedfordshire Mid)	C
SEDGEMORE, B (Hackney South & Shoreditch)	Lab
SHAW, J (Chatham & Aylesford)	Lab
***SHEERMAN, B** (Huddersfield)	Lab Co-op
SHELDON, R (Ashton-under-Lyne)	Lab
SHEPHARD, Mrs G (Norfolk South West)	C
***SHEPHERD, R** (Aldridge-Brownhills)	C
SHERSBY, Sir Michael (Uxbridge)	C
SHIPLEY, Ms D (Stourbridge)	Lab
SHORT, Ms C (Birmingham Ladywood)	Lab
SIMPSON, K (Norfolk Mid)	C
***SIMPSON, A** (Nottingham South)	Lab
SINGH, M (Bradford West)	Lab
SKINNER, D (Bolsover)	Lab
SMITH, Ms A (Basildon)	Lab Co-op
***SMITH, L** (Blaenau Gwent)	Lab
SMITH, C (Islington South & Finsbury)	Lab
SMITH, Ms G (Morecambe & Lunesdale)	Lab
SMITH, A (Oxford East)	Lab
SMITH, J (Vale of Glamorgan)	Lab
SMITH, Sir Robert (Aberdeenshire West & Kincardine)	LD
SMITH, Ms J J (Redditch)	Lab
SMYTH, Rev M (Belfast South)	UUP
SNAPE, P (West Bromwich East)	Lab
SOAMES, A N W (Sussex Mid)	C
SOLEY, C S (Ealing Acton & Shepherd's Bush)	Lab
SOUTHWORTH, Ms H (Warrington South)	Lab
SPELLAR, J F (Warley)	Lab
SPELMAN, Mrs C (Meriden)	C
SPICER, Sir Michael (Worcestershire West)	C
SPRING, R J D (Suffolk West)	C
SQUIRE, Ms R (Dunfermline West)	Lab
ST AUBYN, N (Guildford)	C
STANLEY, Sir John (Tonbridge & Malling)	C
STARKEY, Mrs P (Milton Keynes South West)	Lab
STEEN, Sir Anthony (Totnes)	C
***STEINBERG, G** (Durham, City of)	Lab
***STEVENSON, G** (Stoke-on-Trent South)	Lab
STEWART, I (Eccles)	Lab
STEWART, D (Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber)	Lab
STINCHCOMBE, P (Wellingborough)	Lab
STOATE, H (Dartford)	Lab
STOTT, R (Wigan)	Lab
STRANG, Dr G S (Edinburgh East & Musselburgh)	Lab
***STRAW, J** (Blackburn)	Lab
STREETER, G N (Devon South West)	C
STRINGER, G (Manchester Blackley)	Lab
STUART, Mrs G (Birmingham Edgbaston)	Lab
STUNELL, A (Hazel Grove)	LD
***SUTCLIFFE, G** (Bradford South)	Lab
SWAYNE, D (New Forest West)	C
SWINNEY, J (Tayside North)	SNP
SYMS, R A R (Poole)	C

T

TAPSELL, Sir Peter (Louth & Horncastle)	C
TAYLOR, Mrs A (Dewsbury)	Lab
TAYLOR, D (Leicestershire North West)	Lab
TAYLOR, J (Solihull)	C
TAYLOR, Ms D (Stockton South)	Lab
TAYLOR, J (Strangford)	UUP
***TAYLOR, M** (Truro & St. Austell)	LD
TAYLOR, I C (Esher & Walton)	C
TAYLOR, Sir Teddy (Rochford & Southend East)	C
TEMPLE-MORRIS, P (Leominster)	C
THOMAS, G (Harrow West)	Lab
THOMAS, G (Clwyd West)	Lab
THOMPSON, W (Tyrone West)	UUP
TIMMS, S C (East Ham)	Lab
***TIPPING, P** (Sherwood)	Lab
TODD, M (Derbyshire South)	Lab
TONGE, Dr J (Richmond Park)	LD
***TOUHIG, D** (Islwyn)	Lab Co-op
TOWNEND, J E (Yorkshire East)	C
TREDINNICK, D A S (Bosworth)	C
TREND, M (Windsor)	C
TRICKETT, J (Hemsworth)	Lab
***TRIMBLE, D** (Upper Bann)	UUP
TRUSWELL, P (Pudsey)	Lab
TURNER, D (Brighton Kemptown)	Lab
TURNER, Dr G (Norfolk North West)	Lab
***TURNER, D** (Wolverhampton South East)	Lab Co-op
TWIGG, S (Enfield Southgate)	Lab
TWIGG, J D (Halton)	Lab
***TYLER, P** (Cornwall North)	LD
TYRIE, A (Chichester)	C

V

***VAZ, K** (Leicester East)	Lab
***VIGGERS, P** (Gosport)	C
VIS, R (Finchley & Golders Green)	Lab

W

WALKER, C (Belfast North)	UUP
***WALLACE, J** (Orkney & Shetland)	LD
WALLEY, Ms J (Stoke-on-Trent North)	Lab
WALTER, R (Dorset North)	C
WARD, Ms C (Watford)	Lab
WARDLE, C (Bexhill & Battle)	C
WAREING, R N (Liverpool West Derby)	Lab
WATERSON, N (Eastbourne)	C
WATTS, D (St Helens North)	Lab
WEBB, Prof S (Northavon)	LD
WELLS, B (Hertford & Stortford)	C
WELSH, A P (Angus)	SNP
WHITE, B (Milton Keynes North East)	Lab
WHITEHEAD, A (Southampton Test)	Lab
WHITNEY, Sir Ray (Wycombe)	C
WHITTINGDALE, J F L (Maldon & Chelmsford East)	C
WICKS, M H (Croydon North)	Lab
WIDDECOMBE, Miss A N (Maidstone & The Weald)	C
***WIGLEY, D** (Caernarfon)	PC
WILKINSON, J (Ruislip Northwood)	C
WILLETTS, D (Havant)	C
WILLIAMS, Mrs B H (Conwy)	Lab
***WILLIAMS, A** (Swansea West)	Lab
WILLIAMS, Dr A (Carmarthen East & Dinefwr)	Lab
WILLIS, P (Harrogate & Knaresborough)	LD
WILLS, M (Swindon North)	Lab
***WILSHIRE, D** (Spelthorne)	C
***WILSON, B** (Cunninghame North)	Lab
***WINNICK, D** (Walsall North)	Lab
WINTERTON, Mrs A (Congleton)	C
WINTERTON, Ms R (Doncaster Central)	Lab
WINTERTON, N (Macclesfield)	C
WISE, Mrs A (Preston)	Lab
WOOD, M (Batley & Spen)	Lab
WOODWARD, S (Witney)	C
WOOLAS, P (Oldham East & Saddleworth)	Lab
WORTHINGTON, T (Clydebank & Milngavie)	Lab
WRAY, J (Glasgow Baillieston)	Lab
WRIGHT, T (Great Yarmouth)	Lab
WRIGHT, Dr A W (Cannock Chase)	Lab
WYATT, D (Sittingbourne & Sheppey)	Lab

Y

YEO, T (Suffolk South)	C
YOUNG, Sir George (Hampshire North West)	C

*Denotes new MP.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

A

ALDERSHOT
C hold

Electorate 76,189 (75,321)		%Votes
Howarth, G (C)	23,119	42.69
Collett, A (LD)	16,498	30.47
Bridgeman, T (Lab)	13,057	24.11
Howe, J (UK Ind)	794	1.47
Pendragon, A (Ind)	361	0.67
Stevens, D (BNP)	322	0.59
C Majority	**6,621**	**12.23**

Total Vote 54,151 Turnout 71.07%
Swing C to LD 9.75
1992: Total Vote 58,994 (78.32%) - C 34,300 (58.14%); LD 15,584 (26.42%); Lab 8,154 (13.82%); Lib 956 (1.62%); C Maj 18,716 (31.73%).

Gerald Howarth, b Sept 12, 1947. MP for Cannock and Burntwood 1983-92. PPS to Margaret Thatcher 1991-92; to Sir George Young, Min for Housing and Planning, 1990-91, and to Michael Spicer, Under Sec for Energy, 1987-90; member, sound broadcasting select cttee. 1987-92. Joint man dir, Taskforce Communications, since 1993. UK adviser, Sukhoi design bureau, Moscow. International banker with Richard Unwin International 1983-87; Standard Chartered Bank 1981-83; Bank of America International 1971-77; European Arab Bank 1977-81; Bank of America International 1971-77. Hounslow cllr 1982-83. Joint sec, C backbench aviation cttee, 1983-87. Holds private pilot's licence. Dir, Freedom Under Law 1973-77gen sec, Soc for Individual Freedom, 1969-71. Ed Haileybury and ISC Junior; Bloxham School, Banbury; Southampton Univ.

ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS
C hold

Electorate 62,441 (63,920)		%Votes
*Shepherd, R (C)	21,856	47.13
Toth, J (Lab)	19,330	41.69
Downie, C (LD)	5,184	11.18
C Majority	**2,526**	**5.45**

Total Vote 46,370 Turnout 74.26%
Swing C to Lab 7.81
1992: Total Vote 52,341 (81.89%) - C 28,431 (54.32%); Lab 17,407 (33.26%); LD 6,503 (12.42%); C Maj 11,024 (21.06%).

Richard Shepherd, b Dec 6, 1942. Won the seat 1979; fought Nottingham E, Feb 1974. Member, select cttees on Severn Bridges Bill, 1991, Treasury and Civil Service, 1979-83. Joint vice-chair, all-party constitutional & party affairs group, 1996-. SE economic planning council 1970-74. Non-exec dir, Partridges of Sloane Street Ltd, food retailing, 1972-, and Shepherd Foods (London) Ltd, 1970-. Underwriting member of Lloyd's 1974-94. Ed LSE; Johns Hopkins Univ, School of Advanced International Studies.

ALTRINCHAM & SALE WEST
C hold

Electorate 70,625 (71,091)		%Votes
Brady, G (C)	22,348	43.16
Baugh, J (Lab)	20,843	40.25
Ramsbottom, M (LD)	6,535	12.62
Landes, A (Ref)	1,348	2.60
Stephens, J (ProLife)	313	0.60
Mrozinski, R (UK Ind)	270	0.52
Renwick, J (NLP)	125	0.24
C Majority	**1,505**	**2.91**

Total Vote 51,782 Turnout 73.32%
Swing C to Lab 12.57
1992: Total Vote 55,697 (78.41%) - C 30,343 (54.48%); Lab 14,727 (26.44%); LD 10,261 (18.42%); Other 366 (0.66%); C Maj 15,616 (28.04%).

Graham Brady, b May 20, 1967. Chair, Northern area C students, 1987-89. Dir of Waterfront Partnership, transport and strategic consultancy; previously asst dir, Centre for Policy Studies. Ed Altrincham GS; Durham Univ (chmn, univ C assoc, 1987-88).

AMBER VALLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,095 (72,931)		%Votes
Mallaber, J (Lab)	29,943	54.67
+Oppenheim, P (C)	18,330	33.46
Shelley, R (LD)	4,219	7.70
McGibbon, I (Ref)	2,283	4.17
Lab Majority	**11,613**	**21.20**

Total Vote 54,775 Turnout 76.07%
Swing C to Lab 11.65
1992: Total Vote 61,019 (83.67%) - C 28,360 (46.48%); Lab 27,077 (44.37%); LD 5,582 (9.15%); C Maj 1,283 (2.10%).

Ms Judy Mallaber, b July 10, 1951. Research Fellow, Local Government Information Unit, and its director 1987-95. Advisory council member, Northern Coll for Adult Ed, Barnsley. Research officer, Nupe, 1975-85. Member, Unison; Action for Southern Africa; Liberty; SEA; Friends of the Earth; Amnesty. Ed N London Collegiate School; St Anne's Coll, Oxford.

ARUNDEL & SOUTH DOWNS
C hold

Electorate 67,641 (65,056)		%Votes
Flight, H (C)	27,251	53.08
Goss, J (LD)	13,216	25.74
Black, R (Lab)	9,376	18.26
Herbert, J (UK Ind)	1,494	2.91
C Majority	**14,035**	**27.34**

Total Vote 51,337 Turnout 75.90%
Swing C to LD 5.17
1992: Total Vote 53,135 (81.68%) - C 33,365 (62.79%); LD 13,349 (25.12%); Lab 4,957 (9.33%); Other 1,464 (2.76%); C Maj 20,016 (37.67%).

Howard Flight, b June 16, 1948. Managing director, Guinness Flight Global Asset Management Ltd, specialising in international cash, bond and equity management. Ex-member of Govt's tax consultative cttee. Worked for Hong Kong Bank 1977-79 in Hong Kong and India. Ed Brentwood School, Essex; Magdalene Coll, Cambridge; Univ of Michigan Business School.

ASHFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 72,269 (73,276)		%Votes
+Hoon, G (Lab)	32,979	65.17
Simmonds, M (C)	10,251	20.26
Smith, W (LD)	4,882	9.65
Betts, M (Ref)	1,896	3.75
Belshaw, S (BNP)	595	1.18
Lab Majority	**22,728**	**44.91**

Total Vote 50,603 Turnout 70.02%
Swing C to Lab 11.34
1992: Total Vote 58,278 (79.53%) - Lab 31,978 (54.87%); C 19,015 (32.63%); LD 7,285 (12.50%); Lab Maj 12,963 (22.24%).

Geoff Hoon, b Dec 6, 1953. Elected for this seat 1992; MEP for Derbyshire, 1984-94. Opposition spokesman on trade and industry 1995 with responsibility for information superhighway; Lab whip 1994-95; chair, all-party Friends of Music party group 1992-: member, Euro Parlt legal affairs and citizens' rights cttee 1984-94, being Lab spokesman; leader, Euro Parlt delegation for relations with China, 1987-89, and with US 1989-92. Unpaid dir, Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Worked in local furniture factory before reading law at Cambridge. Lecturer in law, Leeds Univ, 1972-82; Visiting Prof of Law, School of Law, Louisville Univ, Kentucky, 1979-80. TGWU. Ed Nottingham HS; Jesus Coll, Cambridge.

ASHFORD
C hold

Electorate 74,149 (72,213)		%Votes
Green, D (C)	22,899	41.41
Ennals, J (Lab)	17,544	31.73
Williams, J (LD)	10,901	19.71
Cruden, C (Ref)	3,201	5.79
Boden, R (Green)	660	1.19
Tyrell, S (NLP)	89	0.16
C Majority	**5,355**	**9.68**

Total Vote 55,294 Turnout 74.57%
Swing C to Lab 12.46
1992: Total Vote 56,841 (78.71%) - C 31,031 (54.59%); LD 13,672 (24.05%); Lab 11,365 (19.99%); Grn 773 (1.36%); C Maj 17,359 (30.54%).

Damian Green, b Jan 17, 1956. Public affairs consultant. Contested Brent E 1992. Speech writer/researcher for John Major 1988-94, worked in Major leadership campaign team 1995. Presenter/City editor of Channel 4 business daily programme 1987-92. Business editor, Channel 4 News, 1985-87; news editor, The Times Business News, 1984-85. Vice-chair, Nat Assoc of C Graduates, 1980-82. Ed Reading School; Balliol Coll, Oxford (pres of Union 1977).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
Lab hold

Electorate 72,206 (74,551)		%Votes
+Sheldon, R (Lab)	31,919	67.51
Mayson, R (C)	8,954	18.94
Pickstone, T (LD)	4,603	9.74
Clapham, L (Ref)	1,346	2.85
Cymbal, P (Loony)	458	0.97
Lab Majority	**22,965**	**48.57**

Total Vote 47,280 Turnout 65.48%
Swing C to Lab 10.16
1992: Total Vote 54,635 (73.29%) - Lab 31,138 (56.99%); C 15,706 (28.75%); LD 6,519 (11.93%); Lib 965 (1.77%); NLP 307 (0.56%); Lab Maj 15,432 (28.25%).

Robert Sheldon, b Sept 13, 1923. Elected 1964; contested Manchester, Withington, 1959. Chair, Commons PAC since 1983, also member 1965-70 and 1975-79. Lab spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs 1979-83; Financial Sec to the Treasury 1975-79; Min of State, Treasury, 1974-75; Min of State, Civil Service Dept, 1974. Privy Counsellor 1977. Former Lab spokesman on Civil Service and machinery of govt. Member, Treasury and Civil Service select cttee 1979-81; public expenditure cttee 1972-74; Fulton cttee on Civil Service 1966-68. Former dir, Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Technical and business adviser to R.E. Sheldon Ltd and Acronyl Ltd, manufacturers of household textiles, companies he created before becoming MP. TGWU. Ed elementary, GS, and tech colls; external graduate, London Univ.

AYLESBURY
C hold

Electorate 79,047 (76,093)		%Votes
+Lidington, D (C)	25,426	44.18
Bowles, S (LD)	17,007	29.55
Langridge, R (Lab)	12,759	22.17
John, M (Ref)	2,196	3.82
Sheaff, K (NLP)	166	0.29
C Majority	**8,419**	**14.63**

Total Vote 57,554 Turnout 72.81%
Swing C to LD 7.46
1992: Total Vote 61,035 (80.21%) - C 34,983 (57.32%); LD 16,943 (27.76%); Lab 8,205 (13.44%); Grn 675 (1.11%); NLP 229 (0.38%); C Maj 18,040 (29.56%).

David Lidington, b June 30, 1956. Elected 1992; contested Vauxhall 1987. PPS to Michael Howard, Home Secretary; former joint sec, C backbench home affairs cttee: member, education select cttee 1992-96; joint select cttee on Consolidation Bills. Special adviser to Douglas Hurd, as Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary, 1987-90. Then on secondment from Rio Tinto-Zinc, in charge of media relations 1986-87. Consultant, PPU Ltd, 1991-92. With BP 1983-86, in external affairs division and corporate press office. Ed Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree; Sidney Sussex Coll, Cambridge (chair, Univ C Assoc 1978).

B

BANBURY
C hold

Electorate 77,456 (69,557)		%Votes
+Baldry, A B (C)	25,076	42.90
Paperell, H (Lab)	20,339	34.80
Bearder, C (LD)	9,761	16.70
Ager, J (Ref)	2,245	3.84
Cotton, B (Green)	530	0.91
King, L (UK Ind)	364	0.62
Pearson, I (NLP)	131	0.22
C Majority	**4,737**	**8.10**

Total Vote 58,446 Turnout 75.46%
Swing C to Lab 9.92
1992: Total Vote 56,309 (80.95%) - C 30,886 (54.85%); Lab 15,155 (26.91%); LD 10,027 (17.81%); NLP 241 (0.43%); C Maj 15,731 (27.94%).

Antony Baldry, b July 10, 1950. Barrister, ex-publisher and company director. Elected 1983; contested Thurrock 1979. Appointed Fisheries Minister 1995; Under Sec for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs 1994-95; for Environment 1990-94; for Energy Jan-Dec 1990. PPS to John Wakeham, Leader of Commons and then Energy Sec, 1987-90, and to Lynda Chalker, Min of State for Transport and then FCO, 1985-87; member, employment select cttee 1983-86. Awarded Robert Schumann Silver Medal, 1978, for contributions to European politics. Dir, Newpoint Publishing, 1983-90. Ed Leighton Park; Sussex Univ.

BARKING
Lab hold

Electorate 53,682 (56,574)		%Votes
+Hodge, M (Lab)	21,698	65.82
Langford, K (C)	5,802	17.60
Marsh, M (LD)	3,128	9.49
Taylor, C (Ref)	1,283	3.89
Tolman, M (BNP)	894	2.71
Mearns, D (ProLife)	159	0.48
Lab Majority	**15,896**	**48.22**

Total Vote 32,964 Turnout 61.41%
Swing C to Lab 14.92
1992: Total Vote 39,074 (69.07%) - Lab 20,409 (52.23%); C 13,229 (33.86%); LD 5,436 (13.91%); Lab Maj 7,180 (18.38%).

Mrs Margaret Hodge, b Sept 8, 1944. Elected 1994 by-election. Member, deregulation select cttee 1996 and also education and employment cttee. Chair, London group of Lab MPs 1995-. Islington cllr 1973-94 (leader 1982-92); chair, Assoc of London Authorities 1984-92. Member, Home Office advisory cttee on race relations 1988-92; local govt commission 1993-94; council, London Univ; Lab local govt cttee 1983-92. Visiting Fellow, Inst for Public Policy Research, 1992-; director, London First, 1992-; senior consultant, Price Waterhouse, 1992-94. Ed Bromley HS; LSE (governor, 1990-).

BARNSLEY CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 61,133 (64,092)		%Votes
+Illsley, E (Lab)	28,090	76.99
Gutteridge, S (C)	3,589	9.84
Finlay, D (LD)	3,481	9.54
Walsh, J (Ref)	1,325	3.63
Lab Majority	**24,501**	**67.15**

Total Vote 36,485 Turnout 59.68%
Swing C to Lab 7.47
1992: Total Vote 45,007 (70.22%) - Lab 31,844 (70.75%); C 8,340 (18.53%); LD 4,823 (10.72%); Lab Maj 23,504 (52.22%).

Eric Illsley, b April 9, 1955. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1995; health spokesman 1994-95; Lab whip 1991-94; member, select cttees on procedure 1991-, business 1994-95, energy 1987-91, broadcasting 1988-91; chair, all-party glass party group, 1989-; joint dep chair, party and scientific cttee, 1995-. Treas, Yorkshire group of Lab MPs, 1988-. Worked for Yorkshire area NUM from 1978; sponsored by NUM 1992. Ed Barnsley Holgate GS; Leeds Univ.

BARNSLEY EAST & MEXBOROUGH
Lab hold

Electorate 67,840 (69,088)		%Votes
+Ennis, J (Lab)	31,699	73.15
Ellison, J (C)	4,936	11.39
Willis, D (LD)	4,489	10.36
Capstick, K (Soc Lab)	1,213	2.80
Miles, A (Ref)	797	1.84
Hyland, J (SEP)	201	0.46
Lab Majority	**26,763**	**61.76**

Total Vote 43,335 Turnout 63.88%
Swing C to Lab 3.10
1992: Total Vote 49,883 (72.22%) - Lab 36,375 (72.91%); C 8,654 (17.35%); LD 4,864 (9.75%); Lab Maj 27,721 (55.56%).

Jeff Ennis, b Nov 13, 1952. Teacher. Won Barnsley E in 1996 by-election. Barnsley metropolitan borough cllr 1980- (leader of council 1995-). Chair, S Yorks Fire and Civil Defence Authority, 1995. Ed Hemsworth GS; Redland Coll, Bristol.

BARNSLEY WEST AND PENISTONE
Lab hold

Electorate 64,894 (63,738)		%Votes
*Clapham, M (Lab)	25,017	59.27
Watkins, P (C)	7,750	18.36
Knight, W (LD)	7,613	18.04
Miles, J (Ref)	1,828	4.33
Lab Majority	**17,267**	**40.91**

Total Vote 42,208 Turnout 65.04%
Swing C to Lab 5.35
1992: Total Vote 48,006 (75.32%) - Lab 27,965 (58.25%); C 13,461 (28.04%); LD 5,610 (11.69%); Grn 970 (2.02%); Lab Maj 14,504 (30.21%).

Michael Clapham, b May 15, 1943. Ex-miner and ex-lecturer. Elected 1992. Member, trade and industry select cttee; chair, all-party occupational safety and health group 1996-; joint vice-chair, PLP trade and industry cttee 1995-. National industrial relations officer of NUM 1983-92; dep head, Yorks NUM compensation dept, 1977-83; sponsored by NUM in 1992. Ed Barnsley Tech Coll; Leeds Univ; Leeds Poly; Bradford Univ.

BARROW & FURNESS
Lab hold

Electorate 68,960 (69,126)		%Votes
*Hutton, J (Lab)	27,630	57.29
Hunt, R (C)	13,133	27.23
Metcalfe, A (LD)	4,264	8.84
Hamzeian, J (PLP)	1,995	4.14
Mitchell, D (Ref)	1,208	2.50
Lab Majority	**14,497**	**30.06**

Total Vote 48,230 Turnout 72.03%
Swing C to Lab 11.81
1992: Total Vote 55,647 (80.50%) - Lab 26,568 (47.74%); C 22,990 (41.31%); LD 6,089 (10.94%); Lab Maj 3,578 (6.43%).

John Hutton, b May 6, 1955. Won this seat 1992; contested Penrith and the Border 1987, and Cumbria and Lancs North in 1989 Euro elections. Member, home affairs select cttee 1992-, unopposed Bills panel 1992-; chair, PLP home affairs cttee, 1995-, all-party welfare of park homeowners party group; ex-chair, PLP defence cttee. Senior lecturer, Newcastle Poly, 1981-92. Member, TGWU; NATFHE. Trustee, Furness Animal Rescue. Ed Westcliff HS, Essex; Magdalen Coll, Oxford.

BASILDON
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 73,989 (76,236)		%Votes
Smith, A (Lab Co-op)	29,646	55.85
Baron, J (C)	16,366	30.83
Granshaw, L (LD)	4,608	8.68
Robinson, C (Ref)	2,462	4.64
Lab Co-op Majority	**13,280**	**25.02**

Total Vote 53,082 Turnout 71.74%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 60,535 (79.40%) - C 27,291 (45.08%); Lab 24,645 (40.71%); LD 8,599 (14.21%); C Maj 2,646 (4.37%).

Ms Angela Smith, b Jan 7, 1959. Political analyst. Contested Southend W 1987. Research officer for Alun Michael, MP. Essex cllr 1989- (Lab group chief whip, 1991-95). Member, Amnesty; League Against Cruel Sports; RSPCA; TGWU. Ed Chalvedon School, Basildon; Leicester Poly.

BASINGSTOKE
C hold

Electorate 77,035 (75,307)		%Votes
+Hunter, A (C)	24,751	43.32
Lickley, N (Lab)	22,354	39.13
Rimmer, M (LD)	9,714	17.00
Selim, E (Ind)	310	0.54
C Majority	**2,397**	**4.20**

Total Vote 57,129 Turnout 74.16%
Swing C to Lab 12.10
1992: Total Vote 62,976 (83.63%) - C 33,695 (53.50%); Lab 15,809 (25.10%); LD 12,819 (20.36%); Grn 653 (1.04%); C Maj 17,886 (28.40%).

Andrew Hunter, b Jan 8, 1943. Elected 1983; contested Southampton, Itchen, 1979. Member, N Ireland select cttee 1994; select cttees on environment 1986-92; agriculture 1985 and 1993-94; chair, C backbench N Ireland cttee, 1992-; joint vice-chair, C agriculture cttee, 1987-91. Dep chair, Monday Club, 1990-. Dir, Political Planning Services; consultant to Lilly Industries, pharmaceuticals; Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick, consulting engineers; Timeshare Council; unpaid non-exec dir Emission Control Systems International Ltd. Asst master, Harrow, 1971-83. Hon member, Soc of Sealed Knot, 1990-; member, court, Southampton Univ, 1983-; chair, falconry cttee, British Field Sports Society, 1988-92. Vice-pres, Nat Prayer Book Soc, 1987-. Major in TAVR 1973-84. Ed St George's, Harpenden; Durham Univ; Jesus Coll, Cambridge.

BASSETLAW
Lab hold

Electorate 68,101 (69,415)		%Votes
+Ashton, J (Lab)	29,298	61.13
Cleasby, M (C)	11,838	24.70
Kerrigan, M (LD)	4,950	10.33
Graham, R (Ref)	1,838	3.84
Lab Majority	**17,460**	**36.43**

Total Vote 47,924 Turnout 70.37%
Swing C to Lab 9.04
1992: Total Vote 54,456 (78.45%) - Lab 29,056 (53.36%); C 19,061 (35.00%); LD 6,339 (11.64%); Lab Maj 9,995 (18.35%).

Joe Ashton, b Oct 9, 1933. Journalist and broadcaster, formerly design engineer. Elected 1968 by-election. Member, select cttees on national heritage, 1992-; home affairs 1989-92; trade and industry 1987-92; members' interests 1979-83; members' salaries 1981-82; and nationalised industries 1974-76. Chair, all-party association football party group 1992-. Lab spokesman on energy 1979-81. Asst govt whip 1976-77; PPS to Tony Benn 1974-76. Sheffield city cllr 1962-69. Became director (unpaid) of Sheffield Wednesday FC 1990. Sponsored by MSF 1992. Ed High Storrs GS, Sheffield; Rotherham Tech Coll.

BATH
LD hold

Electorate 70,815 (70,277)		%Votes
+Foster, D M E (LD)	26,169	48.47
McNair, A (C)	16,850	31.21
Bush, T (Lab)	8,828	16.35
Cook, A (Ref)	1,192	2.21
Scrase, R (Green)	580	1.07
Sandell, P (UK Ind)	315	0.58
Pullen, N (NLP)	55	0.10
LD Majority	**9,319**	**17.26**

Total Vote 53,989 Turnout 76.24%
Swing C to LD 6.91
1992: Total Vote 58,222 (82.85%) - LD 27,298 (46.89%); C 25,289 (43.44%); Lab 4,781 (8.18%); Grn 475 (0.82%); Lib 186 (0.32%); Anti-Fed 127 (0.22%); Ind 88 (0.15%); LD Maj 2,009 (3.45%).

Donald Foster, b March 31, 1947. Lecturer. Won this seat 1992, contested Bristol E 1987. LD spokesman on education and employment. Avon cllr 1981-89 (Alliance group leader 1981-86). Party and political adviser to Inst of Professional Managers and Specialists. Ed Lancaster Royal GS; Keele and Bath Univs.

BATLEY & SPEN
Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,209 (64,754)		%Votes
Wood, M (Lab)	23,213	49.43
+Peacock, E (C)	17,072	36.35
Pinnock, K (LD)	4,133	8.80
Wood, E (Ref)	1,691	3.60
Smith, R (BNP)	472	1.01
Lord, C (Green)	384	0.82
Lab Majority	**6,141**	**13.08**

Total Vote 46,965 Turnout 73.14%
Swing C to Lab 7.37
1992: Total Vote 50,784 (78.43%) - C 22,676 (44.65%); Lab 21,831 (42.99%); LD 5,757 (11.34%); Grn 520 (1.02%); C Maj 845 (1.66%).

Mike Wood, b March 3, 1946. Social worker. Founder member of newspaper and food workers co-operatives. Ed Nantwich and Acton GS, Cheshire; Leeds Poly and Southampton Univ.

BATTERSEA
Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,928 (67,426)		%Votes
Linton, M (Lab)	24,047	50.74
+Bowis, J (C)	18,687	39.43
Keaveney, P (LD)	3,482	7.35
Slater, M (Ref)	804	1.70
Banks, R (UK Ind)	250	0.53
Marshall, J (Dream)	127	0.27
Lab Majority	**5,360**	**11.31**

Total Vote 47,397 Turnout 70.82%
Swing C to Lab 10.21
1992: Total Vote 52,427 (77.75%) - C 26,411 (50.38%); Lab 21,630 (41.26%); LD 3,700 (7.06%); Grn 586 (1.12%); NLP 100 (0.19%); C Maj 4,781 (9.12%).

Martin Linton, b Aug 11, 1944 (in Stockholm). Guardian journalist. Wandsworth cllr 1971-82. Ed Christ's Hospital, Sussex; Université de Lyon; Pembroke Coll, Oxford.

BEACONSFIELD
C hold

Electorate 68,959 (68,755)		%Votes
Grieve, D (C)	24,709	49.22
Mapp, P (LD)	10,722	21.36
Hudson, A (Lab)	10,063	20.05
Lloyd, H (Ref)	2,197	4.38
Story, C (CASC)	1,434	2.86
Cooke, C (UK Ind)	451	0.90
Duval, G (ProLife)	286	0.57
Dyball, T (NLP)	193	0.38
Matthews, R (B Ind)	146	0.29
C Majority	**13,987**	**27.86**

Total Vote 50,201 Turnout 72.80%
Swing C to LD 8.23
1992: Total Vote 53,836 (78.30%) - C 34,316 (63.74%); LD 10,452 (19.41%); Lab 7,371 (13.69%); Ind C 1,331 (2.47%); NLP 198 (0.37%); ERIP 168 (0.31%); C Maj 23,864 (44.33%).

Dominic Grieve, b May 24, 1956. Barrister. Contested Lambeth Norwood 1987. Member of PM's campaign team 1992. Vice-chair, Fulham C Assoc, 1988-91. Hammersmith and Fulham cllr 1982-86. PA to Sir Anthony Grant 1983 election. Chair of research cttee of Soc of C Lawyers. London Diocesan Synod of C of E, 1994-. Cttee chair, Lambeth police community consultative group, 1987-92. Ed Westminster School; Magdalen Coll, Oxford (pres, univ C assoc, 1977). Son of Percy Grieve, QC, ex-MP for Solihull.

BECKENHAM
C hold

Electorate 72,807 (75,388)		%Votes
+Merchant, P (C)	23,084	42.47
Hughes, R (Lab)	18,131	33.36
Vetterlein, R (LD)	9,858	18.14
Mead, L (Ref)	1,663	3.06
Rimmer, P (Lib)	720	1.32
Pratt, C (UK Ind)	506	0.93
Mcauley, J (NF)	388	0.71
C Majority	**4,953**	**9.11**

Total Vote 54,350 Turnout 74.65%
Swing C to Lab 15.00
1992: Total Vote 58,333 (77.38%) - C 35,154 (60.26%); Lab 12,341 (21.16%); LD 9,765 (16.74%); Lib 841 (1.44%); NLP 232 (0.40%); C Maj 22,813 (39.11%).

Piers Merchant, b Jan 2, 1951. Returned for this seat 1992; MP for Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1983-87; contested seat 1979. PPS to Peter Lilley, Soc Security Sec, 1992-. Member, procedure select cttee, 1995-. Joint vice-chair, all-party Aids party group. Public affairs dir, Advertising Assoc, 1990-92; dir of corporate publicity, NEI plc, 1987-90; editor of Newsline, C Party newspaper, 1982-84; on staff of The Journal, Newcastle, 1973-82. Elected Fellow, Univ Coll, Durham, 1975. Dir, Tyne and Wear Wastesaver Ltd, and of Tall Ships Appeal, 1986-90; joint chair, Free Flow of Information Cttee, International Party Group on Human Rights 1986-91. Former FoC of Newcastle NUJ chapel. Ed Nottingham HS; Durham Univ (treas, then chair, univ C assoc, 1970-73).

BEDFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,560 (65,764)		%Votes
Hall, P (Lab)	24,774	50.62
Blackman, R (C)	16,474	33.66
Noyce, C (LD)	6,044	12.35
Conquest, P (Ref)	1,503	3.07
Saunders, P (NLP)	149	0.30
Lab Majority	**8,300**	**16.96**

Total Vote 48,944 Turnout 73.53%
Swing C to Lab 12.99
1992: Total Vote 50,325 (76.52%) - C 22,863 (45.43%); Lab 18,318 (36.40%); LD 8,263 (16.42%); Other 881 (1.75%); C Maj 4,545 (9.03%).

Patrick Hall, b Oct 20, 1951. Planning officer and town centre co-ordinator for Bedford. Contested Bedfordshire N 1992. Bedfordshire county cllr, 1989-. Member, Chartered Inst of Public Finance and Accountancy; North Beds Community Health Council; chair, Bedfordshire Door to Door dial-a-ride; on management cttee, Hillrise Urban Nature Park. Nalgo. Ed Bedford Mod School.

BEDFORDSHIRE MID
C hold

Electorate 66,979 (60,723)		%Votes
Sayeed, J (C)	24,176	46.04
Mallett, N (Lab)	17,086	32.53
Hill, T (LD)	8,823	16.80
Marler, S (Ref)	2,257	4.30
Lorys, M (NLP)	174	0.33
C Majority	**7,090**	**13.50**

Total Vote 52,516 Turnout 78.41%
Swing C to Lab 13.67
1992: Total Vote 52,250 (86.05%) - C 31,561 (60.40%); Lab 10,016 (19.17%); LD 7,973 (15.26%); Lib 2,302 (4.41%); NLP 398 (0.76%); C Maj 21,545 (41.23%).

Jonathan Sayeed, b March 20, 1948. MP for Bristol E 1983-92. PPS to Lord Belstead, Paymaster General and Min of State for N Ireland, 1991-92. Member, select cttees on defence 1987-91; environment 1987. Chair (1991-92), vice-chair (1985-91) and former sec, C backbench shipping and shipbuilding sub-cttee; joint dep chair (1987-92) and former sec, all-party maritime party group. Chair of Ranelagh Ltd, public affairs co, since 1992; non-exec dir, Love Lane Investments Ltd, 1983-92. In Royal Navy 1965-72; RNR 1972-76. Dir, then chair, insurance and shipping consultancy, 1973-82. Ed primary school in Hampstead, London; Wolverstone Hall, Suffolk; RNC Dartmouth; Royal Naval Engineering Coll, Manadon.

BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 64,743 (62,068)		%Votes
+Lyell, Sir N W (C)	22,311	44.28
Lehal, J (Lab)	16,428	32.60
Bristow, P (LD)	7,179	14.25
Taylor, J (Ref)	2,490	4.94
Foley, L (Ind C)	1,842	3.66
Bence, B (NLP)	138	0.27
C Majority	**5,883**	**11.68**

Total Vote 50,388 Turnout 77.83%
Swing C to Lab 13.82
1992: Total Vote 52,392 (84.41%) - C 31,081 (59.32%); Lab 10,478 (20.00%); LD 9,706 (18.53%); Other 1,127 (2.15%); C Maj 20,603 (39.32%).

Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, b Dec 6, 1938. MP for Bedfordshire Mid 1983-97, and for Hemel Hempstead 1979-83; contested Lambeth Central Oct 1974. Appointed Attorney-General April 1992; Solicitor-General 1987-92; Under Sec for Health and Soc Security 1986-87. Privy Counsellor 1990. Member, Commons privileges cttee, 1994-95. PPS to Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, 1979-86; select cttee on procedure (finance) 1982-83. Chair, Bow Group; home affairs standing cttee 1979-85. Recorder. Member of Lloyd's. Vice-chair, British Field Sports Soc, 1983-86. Chair, 1985-86, and vice-chair, 1982-85, exec of Soc of C Lawyers. Ed Stowe School (governor 1990-); Christ Church, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 69,781 (69,727)		%Votes
+Madel, Sir D (C)	21,534	40.73
Date, A (Lab)	21,402	40.49
Owen, S (LD)	7,559	14.30
Hill, R (Ref)	1,761	3.33
Wise, T (UK Ind)	446	0.84
Le Carpentier, A (NLP)	162	0.31
C Majority	**132**	**0.25**

Total Vote 52,864 Turnout 75.76%
Swing C to Lab 15.04
1992: Total Vote 57,173 (82.00%) - C 32,000 (55.97%); Lab 14,660 (25.64%); LD 9,475 (16.57%); Grn 763 (1.33%); NLP 275 (0.48%); C Maj 17,340 (30.33%).

Sir David Madel, b Aug 6, 1938. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Bedford S 1970-83, contested Erith and Crayford 1965 by-election and 1966. Member, select cttees on Euro legislation 1983-; transport 1995-; members' interests 1979-87; education, science and arts 1979-83. Chair, C backbench education cttee 1983-85, joint vice-chair 1981-83; joint vice-chair, C backbench employment cttee, 1974-81; sec, C backbench home affairs cttee, 1972-73. PPS to defence ministers 1973-74. Advertising exec, Thomson Organisation, 1964-70. Ed Uppingham; Keble Coll, Oxford.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED
LD hold

Electorate 56,428 (55,396)		%Votes
*Beith, A (LD)	19,007	45.47
Brannen, P (Lab)	10,965	26.23
Herbert, N (C)	10,056	24.06
Lambton, N (Ref)	1,423	3.40
Dodds, I (UK Ind)	352	0.84
LD Majority	**8,042**	**19.24**

Total Vote 41,803 Turnout 74.08%
Swing LD to Lab 1.14
1992: Total Vote 43,456 (78.45%) - LD 19,283 (44.37%); C 14,240 (32.77%); Lab 9,933 (22.86%); LD Maj 5,043 (11.60%).

Alan Beith, b April 20, 1943. Dep leader of LDs since 1992. Won this seat as Lib in 1973 by-election; contested it 1970. LD MP from 1988. Given overall responsibility 1995 for election manifesto; spokesman on home affairs 1992-95 and on police, prison and security 1995-; Treasury spokesman 1987-94, when he served on Treasury select cttee. Dep leader of Lib Party 1985-88; spokesman on foreign affairs 1985-87. Lib chief whip 1976-85; Lib spokesman on constitutional and party affairs 1983-87. Member, Commons Intelligence and security cttee, 1994-; select cttee on sittings of Commons 1991-94. Joint vice-chair, all-party arts and heritage party group; Council of Christians and Jews group; Insurance and financial services group; non-profitmaking clubs group; treas, Methodist group. Consultant to Magellan Medical Communications Ltd, medical public affairs co, and to Bourne Leisure Group Ltd, holiday park operator. Methodist local preacher. Ed King's, Macclesfield; Balliol and Nuffield Colls, Oxford.

BETHNAL GREEN & BOW
Lab hold

Electorate 73,008 (65,485)		%Votes
King, O (Lab)	20,697	46.32
Choudhury, K (C)	9,412	21.06
Islam, S (LD)	5,361	12.00
King, D (BNP)	3,350	7.50
Milson, T (Lib)	2,963	6.63
Osman, S (R Lab)	1,117	2.50
Petter, S (Green)	812	1.82
Abdullah, M (Ref)	557	1.25
Hamid, A (Soc Lab)	413	0.92
Lab Majority	**11,285**	**25.26**

Total Vote 44,682 Turnout 61.20%
Swing Lab to C 5.92
1992: Total Vote 44,595 (68.10%) - Lab 23,863 (53.51%); LD 11,498 (25.78%); C 7,316 (16.41%); Other 1,918 (4.30%); Lab Maj 12,365 (27.73%).

Ms Oona King, b Oct 22, 1967. Regional organiser, GMB southern region; former asst to Glyn Ford, MEP, and Glenys Kinnock, MEP. Ed Haverstock Comp, London; York Univ; Berkeley Univ.

BEVERLEY & HOLDERNESS
C hold

Electorate 71,916 (69,161)		%Votes
+Cran, J D (C)	21,629	40.85
O'Neill, N (Lab)	20,818	39.32
Melling, J (LD)	9,689	18.30
Barley, D (UK Ind)	695	1.31
Withers, S (NLP)	111	0.21
C Majority	**811**	**1.53**

Total Vote 52,942 Turnout 73.62%
Swing C to Lab 16.44
1992: Total Vote 54,686 (79.07%) - C 29,800 (54.49%); LD 13,843 (25.31%); Lab 10,981 (20.08%); Other 62 (0.11%); C Maj 15,957 (29.18%).

James Cran, b Jan 28, 1944. MP for Beverley 1987-97; contested Gordon 1983; Glasgow, Shettleston, Oct 1974. PPS to Sir Patrick Mayhew, N Ireland Sec, 1995-96. Member, select cttees on N Ireland affairs, 1994-95; trade and industry 1987-92; joint vice-chair, C backbench N Ireland cttee, 1992-. Sec, C backbench Euro affairs cttee, 1990-91; C constitutional affairs cttee 1989-90; vice-chair, all-party Order of St John party group, 1994-. Sutton cllr 1974-79. Member, pension trustee forum council, 1992-; UK cttee, Euro Research Group. West Mids dir of CBI 1984-87, and Northern dir 1979-84. Sec and then chief exec, Nat Assoc of Pension Funds, 1971-79. Member, court, Hull Univ, 1987-.

BEXHILL & BATTLE
C hold

Electorate 65,584 (66,158)		%Votes
+Wardle, C (C)	23,570	48.11
Field, K (LD)	12,470	25.45
Beckwith, R (Lab)	8,866	18.10
Thompson, V (Ref)	3,302	6.74
Pankhurst, J (UK Ind)	786	1.60
C Majority	**11,100**	**22.66**

Total Vote 48,994 Turnout 74.70%
Swing C to LD 4.38
1992: Total Vote 52,015 (78.62%) - C 31,347 (60.27%); LD 15,007 (28.85%); Lab 4,877 (9.38%); Grn 594 (1.14%); CSP 190 (0.37%); C Maj 16,340 (31.41%).

Charles Wardle, b Aug 23, 1939. Elected 1983. Under Sec for Industry and Energy at DTI 1994-95; Under Sec, Home Office, 1992-94. PPS to Ian Lang, Sec of State for Scotland, 1990-92, and to Norman Fowler, Social Services Sec, 1984-87. Member, PAC, 1996-97; select cttees on Treasury and Civil Service 1990-91; trade and industry 1983-84. Chair, C One Nation Forum, 1989-90. Chair, Benjamin Priest Group, 1977-84; Warne, Wright and Rowland, 1978-84. Dir, Ray Powell Holdings Ltd, 1990-92; Asset Special Situations Trust plc, 1982-84. Consultant on corporate strategy and development to UniChem plc and Interface Europe Ltd. Member, CBI central council and CBI W Mids regional council, 1980-84. Ed Tonbridge School; Lincoln Coll, Oxford; Harvard Business School.

BEXLEYHEATH & CRAYFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 63,334 (64,601)		%Votes
Beard, C N (Lab)	21,942	45.50
+Evennett, D A (C)	18,527	38.42
Montford, F (LD)	5,391	11.18
Thomas, B (Ref)	1,551	3.22
Smith, P (BNP)	429	0.89
Jenner, W (UK Ind)	383	0.79
Lab Majority	**3,415**	**7.08**

Total Vote 48,223 Turnout 76.14%
Swing C to Lab 15.00
1992: Total Vote 52,387 (81.09%) - C 28,390 (54.17%); Lab 16,377 (31.26%); LD 7,515 (14.35%); Other 115 (0.22%); C Maj 12,003 (22.91%).

Nigel Beard, b Oct 10, 1936. Senior manager, new business development, ICI. Contested Erith & Crayford 1992; Portsmouth N 1983; Woking 1979. Chair, Woking CLP, 1981-82, and Surrey W Euro constituency 1984-92. Member, Southern region Lab Party exec; CWS SE political cttee; SW Thames health authority 1978-86; board, Royal Marsden Hospital, 1982-, and Inst of Cancer Research, 1981-. Chief planner for strategy, GLC, 1973-74; dir, London Docklands development team, 1974-79. FRSA. Member, GMB; Fabian Soc; Co-op Party. Ed Castleford GS, Yorkshire; University Coll London.

BILLERICAY
C hold

Electorate 76,550 (73,644)		%Votes
+Gorman, T (C)	22,033	39.76
Richards, P (Lab)	20,677	37.31
Williams, G (LD)	8,763	15.81
Hughes, S (LC)	3,377	6.09
Buchanan, J (ProLife)	570	1.03
C Majority	**1,356**	**2.45**

Total Vote 55,420 Turnout 72.40%
Swing C to Lab 17.58
1992: Total Vote 59,464 (80.75%) - C 34,274 (57.64%); LD 13,276 (22.33%); Lab 11,914 (20.04%); C Maj 20,998 (35.31%).

Mrs Teresa Gorman, b Sept 3, 1931. Founder and manager, Banta, family business manufacturing scientific teaching aids. Elected 1987. Contested Lambeth Streatham Oct 1974 as Independent (Small Business) candidate. Deprived of party whip, 1994-95, after vote against Govt on Euro Finance Bill. Joint sec, C backbench social security cttee, 1988-89. Member, C women's national cttee, 1983-. Westminster cllr 1982-86. Founder and chair, ASP (Alliance of Small Firms and Self-Employed People), pressure group for small businesses. Ed Fulham County School; Brighton Coll of Ed; London Univ.

BIRKENHEAD
Lab hold

Electorate 59,782 (63,884)		%Votes
*Field, F (Lab)	27,825	70.76
Crosby, J (C)	5,982	15.21
Wood, R (LD)	3,548	9.02
Cullen, M (Soc Lab)	1,168	2.97
Evans, R (Ref)	800	2.03
Lab Majority	**21,843**	**55.55**

Total Vote 39,323 Turnout 65.78%
Swing C to Lab 8.52
1992: Total Vote 45,733 (71.59%) - Lab 29,098 (63.63%); C 11,485 (25.11%); LD 4,417 (9.66%); Grn 543 (1.19%); NLP 190 (0.42%); Lab Maj 17,613 (38.51%).

Frank Field, b July 16, 1942. Elected 1979; contested Buckinghamshire S 1966. Chair, select cttee on social security 1991-97; on social services 1987-91; member, ecclesiastical select cttee; Lab spokesman on health and social security 1983-84; on education 1979-81. Hounslow borough cllr 1964-68. Dir, Child Poverty Action Group, 1969-79, and of Low Pay Unit 1974-80. Teacher at Southwark and Hammersmith CFEs 1964-69. Party consultant (unpaid) to Civil and Public Services Assoc. TGWU. Ed St Clement Danes GS; Hull Univ.

BIRMINGHAM EDGBASTON
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,204 (70,873)		%Votes
Stuart, G (Lab)	23,554	48.60
Marshall, A (C)	18,712	38.61
Gallagher, J (LD)	4,691	9.68
Oakton, J (Ref)	1,065	2.20
Campbell, D (BDP)	443	0.91
Lab Majority	**4,842**	**9.99**

Total Vote 48,465 Turnout 69.03%
Swing C to Lab 9.97
1992: Total Vote 50,863 (71.77%) - C 25,059 (49.27%); Lab 20,003 (39.33%); LD 5,158 (10.14%); Grn 643 (1.26%); C Maj 5,056 (9.94%).

Mrs Gisela Stuart, b Nov 26, 1955. Law lecturer, publisher. Contested Worcestershire and South Warwickshire Euro elections 1994. Ex-dep director of London Book Fair and marketing manager in publishing. Legal adviser to party campaign on pensions Bill; postgraduate research on occupational pensions at Birmingham Univ. Member, Charter 88; Fabian Soc. Member, police custody lay visitors' panel. Represented Britain at international fencing competition, Birmingham, 1979. Ed in Germany; Manchester Poly; London Univ.

BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON
Lab hold

Electorate 66,380 (74,434)		%Votes
+Corbett, R (Lab)	23,764	58.81
Tompkins, A (C)	11,107	27.49
Garrett, I (LD)	4,112	10.18
Cable, G (Ref)	1,424	3.52
Lab Majority	**12,657**	**31.32**

Total Vote 40,407 Turnout 60.87%
Swing C to Lab 7.26
1992: Total Vote 50,706 (68.12%) - Lab 27,021 (53.29%); C 18,498 (36.48%); LD 5,187 (10.23%); Lab Maj 8,523 (16.81%)

Robin Corbett, b Dec 22, 1933. Journalist. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Hemel Hempstead Oct 1974-79, contested the seat 1966 and Feb 1974; W Derbyshire by-election 1967. Appointed to agriculture select cttee, 1995; member, home affairs select cttee, 1983-85; party spokesman on disabled people's rights 1994-95; national heritage 1992-94; home affairs 1985-92. Joint vice-chair, all-party motor industry party group, 1987-. Member, council, Save the Children Fund, 1986-90; council, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1989-92; sponsor, Terrence Higgins Trust, 1987-. Member, NUJ; sponsored by Usdaw 1992. Ed Holly Lodge GS, Smethwick.

BIRMINGHAM HALL GREEN
Lab gain from C

Electorate 58,767 (60,916)		%Votes
McCabe, S (Lab)	22,372	53.50
*Hargreaves, A (C)	13,952	33.36
Dow, A (LD)	4,034	9.65
Bennett, P (Ref)	1,461	3.49
Lab Majority	**8,420**	**20.13**

Total Vote 41,819 Turnout 71.16%
Swing C to Lab 13.97
1992: Total Vote 46,975 (77.11%) - C 21,649 (46.09%); Lab 17,984 (38.28%); LD 7,342 (15.63%); C Maj 3,665 (7.80%).

Stephen McCabe, b Aug 4, 1955. Adviser to Central Council for the Education and Training of Social Workers. Birmingham city cllr 1990-. Climbed Himalayan peak to raise money for Reiner Foundation. Ed Port Glasgow Senior Sec; Moray House Coll of Ed; Bradford University.

BIRMINGHAM HODGE HILL
Lab hold

Electorate 56,066 (58,332)		%Votes
*Davis, T (Lab)	22,398	65.59
Grant, E (C)	8,198	24.01
Thomas, H (LD)	2,891	8.47
Johnson, P (UK Ind)	660	1.93
Lab Majority	**14,200**	**41.58**

Total Vote 34,147 Turnout 60.91%
Swing C to Lab 12.14
1992: Total Vote 40,832 (70.00%) - Lab 21,895 (53.62%); C 14,827 (36.31%); LD 3,740 (9.16%); NF 370 (0.91%); Lab Maj 7,068 (17.31%).

Terry Davis, b Jan 5, 1938. Manager in motor industry, 1974-79. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Birmingham, Stechford, 1979-83, and for Bromsgrove 1971-74; contested that seat 1970; Bromsgrove and Redditch, Feb and Oct 1974, and Birmingham, Stechford, 1977 by-election. Member, PAC, 1987-94; delegation to Council of Europe and WEU, 1992-. Party spokesman on industry 1986-87; on Treasury and economic affairs, 1983-86; on health and social services, 1980-83. Party adviser to Inland Revenue Staff Fed. Member, Advisory Council on Public Records, 1989-94. Ed King Edward VI GS, Stourbridge; London Univ; Michigan Univ.

BIRMINGHAM LADYWOOD
Lab hold

Electorate 70,013 (71,843)		%Votes
+Short, C (Lab)	28,134	74.08
Vara, S (C)	5,052	13.30
Marwa, S (LD)	3,020	7.95
Gurney, R (Ref)	1,086	2.86
Carmichael, A (Nat Dem)	685	1.80
Lab Majority	**23,082**	**60.78**

Total Vote 37,977 Turnout 54.24%
Swing C to Lab 4.90
1992: Total Vote 42,108 (58.53%) - Lab 30,065 (71.40%); C 8,596 (20.41%); LD 3,447 (8.19%); Lab Maj 21,469 (50.99%).

Ms Clare Short, b Feb 15, 1946. Elected 1983; elected to Shadow Cabinet 1995; Shadow Overseas Development Min 1996; Shadow Transport Sec 1995-96; spokeswoman on women's issues 1993-95; on environmental protection 1992-93, social security 1989-91; employment 1985-88. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1983-85. chair, all-party race relations group 1985-86. Member, Lab Party NEC, 1988-. Served in Home Office 1970-75; dir, All Faiths In One Race, Birmingham, 1976-78; Youthaid 1979-83, and the Unemployment Unit 1981-83. Sponsored by Unison 1992.

BIRMINGHAM NORTHFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 56,842 (54,594)		%Votes
+Burden, R (Lab)	22,316	57.45
Blumenthal, A (C)	10,873	27.99
Ashall, M (LD)	4,078	10.50
Gent, D (Ref)	1,243	3.20
Axon, K (BNP)	337	0.87
Lab Majority	**11,443**	**29.46**

Total Vote 38,847 Turnout 68.34%
Swing C to Lab 13.03
1992: Total Vote 40,617 (74.40%) - Lab 18,652 (45.92%); C 17,273 (42.53%); LD 4,692 (11.55%); Lab Maj 1,379 (3.40%).

Richard Burden, b Sept 1, 1954. Ex-union official. Won this seat 1992; contested Meriden 1987. Joint chair, all-party advisory council for transport safety; sec 1995-, PLP trade and industry cttee; vice-chair, 1994-95; joint sec, all-party water group; vice-chair, Lab Middle East Council, 1994-. Member, HoC Motor Club; founder and sec, Joint Action for Water Services, 1985-90. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Wallasey Tech GS; Bramhall Comp; St John's CFE, Manchester; York and Warwick Univs.

BIRMINGHAM PERRY BARR
Lab hold

Electorate 71,031 (72,452)		%Votes
+Rooker, J (Lab)	28,921	38.66
Dunnett, A (C)	9,964	13.32
Hassall, R (LD)	4,523	6.05
Mahmood, S (Ref)	843	1.13
Baxter, A (Lib)	718	0.96
Windridge, L (BNP)	544	0.73
Panesar, A (FP)	374	0.50
Lab Majority	**18,957**	**25.34**

Total Vote 74,808 Turnout 105.32%
Swing C to Lab 5.40
1992: Total Vote 53,183 (73.40%) - Lab 27,596 (51.89%); C 19,867 (37.36%); LD 5,720 (10.76%); Lab Maj 7,729 (14.53%).

Jeff Rooker, b June 5, 1941. Chartered engineer. Elected Feb 1974. Lab spokesman on House of Commons affairs 1994; education 1992-93; health and social services 1990-92; housing and construction 1984-87; local govt 1987-88; Treasury and economic affairs 1983-84; social security 1979-83. Chair, Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform, 1989-. Contested election for Lab chief whip 1988; campaign officer, W Midlands group of Lab MPs, 1989-. Joint vice-chair, Council against Anti-Semitism, 1991. Council member, Inst of Production Engineers, 1975-81. Ed Handsworth Tech School and Coll; Aston and Warwick Univs.

BIRMINGHAM SELLY OAK
Lab hold

Electorate 72,049 (72,907)		%Votes
*Jones, L (Lab)	28,121	55.63
Greene, G (C)	14,033	27.76
Osborne, D (LD)	6,121	12.11
Marshall, L (Ref)	1,520	3.01
Gardner, G (ProLife)	417	0.82
Sherriff-Knowles, P (Loony)	253	0.50
Meads, H (NLP)	85	0.17
Lab Majority	**14,088**	**27.87**

Total Vote 50,550 Turnout 70.16%
Swing C to Lab 12.07
1992: Total Vote 55,276 (75.82%) - Lab 25,430 (46.01%); C 23,370 (42.28%); LD 5,679 (10.27%); Grn 535 (0.97%); NLP 178 (0.32%); Rev Comm 84 (0.15%); Lab Maj 2,060 (3.73%).

Dr Lynne Jones, b April 26, 1951. Ex-housing manager. Won the seat 1992. Member, science and technology select cttee, 1992-. Birmingham city cllr 1980-94. Former exec member, Lab housing group. MSF. Ed Bartley Green Girls' GS, Birmingham; Birmingham Univ; Birmingham Poly.

BIRMINGHAM SPARKBROOK & SMALL HEATH
Lab hold

Electorate 73,130 (72,745)		%Votes
+Godsiff, R D (Lab)	26,841	64.27
Hardeman, K (C)	7,315	17.51
Harmer, R (LD)	3,889	9.31
Clawley, A (Green)	959	2.30
Dooley, R (Ref)	737	1.76
Patel, P (FP)	538	1.29
Syed, R (PAYR)	513	1.23
Bi, S (Ind)	490	1.17
Wren, C (Soc Lab)	483	1.16
Lab Majority	**19,526**	**46.75**

Total Vote 41,765 Turnout 57.11%
Swing C to Lab 4.64
1992: Total Vote 49,229 (67.67%) - Lab 31,052 (63.08%); C 12,604 (25.60%); LD 3,916 (7.95%); Other 1,657 (3.37%); Lab Maj 18,448 (37.47%).

Roger Godsiff, b June 28 1946. Won Birmingham Small Heath for Lab 1992; contested Birmingham Yardley 1983. Lewisham cllr 1971-90 (Mayor, 1977). Chair, all-party British-Kashmir group. Political officer, Apex, 1970-90; senior research officer, GMB, 1990-92; sponsored by GMB 1992. Bank clerk 1965-70. Ed Catford Comp.

BIRMINGHAM YARDLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 53,058 (55,626)		%Votes
*Morris, E (Lab)	17,778	47.05
Hemming, J (LD)	12,463	32.98
Jobson, A (C)	6,736	17.83
Livingston, D (Ref)	646	1.71
Ware, A (UK Ind)	164	0.43
Lab Majority	**5,315**	**14.07**

Total Vote 37,787 Turnout 71.22%
Swing LD to Lab 4.71
1992: Total Vote 42,697 (76.76%) - Lab 14,884 (34.86%); C 14,722 (34.48%); LD 12,899 (30.21%); NF 192 (0.45%), Lab Maj 162 (0.38%).

Ms Estelle Morris, b June. 17 1952. Ex-teacher. Gained this seat for Lab 1992. Lab spokesman on education and employment 1995-; Lab whip 1994-95. Warwick district cllr 1979-91 (group leader 1981-89). Ed Whalley Range HS, Manchester; Coventry Coll of Ed.

BISHOP AUCKLAND
Lab hold

Electorate 66,754 (68,591)		%Votes
+Foster, D (Lab)	30,359	66.03
Fergus, J (C)	9,295	20.21
Ashworth, L (LD)	4,223	9.18
Blacker, D (Ref)	2,104	4.58
Lab Majority	**21,064**	**45.81**

Total Vote 45,981 Turnout 68.88%
Swing C to Lab 15.50
1992: Total Vote 52,118 (75.98%) - Lab 24,825 (47.63%); C 17,109 (32.83%); LD 10,184 (19.54%); Lab Maj 7,716 (14.80%).

Derek Foster, b June 25, 1937. Elected 1979. Appointed Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1995. Lab chief whip 1985-95; PPS to Neil Kinnock 1983-85; Northern regional whip 1981-82. Chair (1988-89) and vice-chair (1987-88), Northern group of Lab MPs. Lab spokesman on social security 1982-83; member, trade and industry select cttee, 1980-82. Asst dir of education in Sunderland 1974-79. Chair, North of England development council, 1974-76; vice-chair, Youthaid, 1979-86. Sunderland cllr 1972-74; Tyne and Wear cllr 1973-77. Sponsored by Usdaw 1992. Member of Salvation Army. Ed Bede GS, Sunderland; Oxford Univ.

BLABY
C hold

Electorate 70,471 (67,238)		%Votes
+Robathan, A (C)	24,564	45.83
Willmott, R (Lab)	18,090	33.75
Welsh, G (LD)	8,001	14.93
Harrison, R (Ref)	2,018	3.77
Peacock, J (BNP)	523	0.98
Stokes, T (Ind)	397	0.74
C Majority	**6,474**	**12.08**

Total Vote 53,593 Turnout 76.05%
Swing C to Lab 11.48
1992: Total Vote 58,137 (83.49%) - C 31,882 (56.79%); Lab 12,213 (21.76%); LD 11,261 (20.06%); BNP 521 (0.93%); NLP 260 (0.46%); C Maj 19,669 (35.04%).

Andrew Robathan, b July 17, 1951. Returned for this seat 1992. PPS to Iain Sproat, Nat Heritage Minister. Chair, 1994-95, and previously joint vice-chair, C backbench defence cttee; joint vice-chair, C Northern Ireland cttee, 1994-; all-party renewable and sustainable energy group; chair, all-party cycling group, 1994-. Hammersmith and Fulham cllr 1990-92. Officer, Coldstream Guards, 1974-89; rejoined Army Jan-April 1991 to serve in Gulf War as chief of staff of PoW force in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. Fellow, Royal Geographical Soc. Freeman, City of London. Ed Merchant Taylors', Northwood; Oriel Coll, Oxford; RMA Sandhurst; Army Staff Coll, Camberley.

BLACKBURN
Lab hold

Electorate 73,058 (73,508)		%Votes
*Straw, J (Lab)	26,141	55.04
Sidhu, S (C)	11,690	24.61
Fenn, S (LD)	4,990	10.51
Bradshaw, D (Ref)	1,892	3.98
Wingfield, T (Nat Dem)	671	1.41
Drummond, H (Soc Lab)	637	1.34
Field, R (Green)	608	1.28
Carmichael-Grimshaw, M (KBF)	506	1.07
Batchelor, W (CSSPP)	362	0.76
Lab Majority	**14,451**	**30.43**

Total Vote 47,497 Turnout 65.01%
Swing C to Lab 9.73
1992: Total Vote 54,978 (74.79%) - Lab 26,633 (48.44%); C 20,606 (37.48%); LD 6,332 (11.52%); Grn 878 (1.60%); LP 334 (0.61%); NLP 195 (0.35%); Lab Maj 6,027 (10.96%).

Jack Straw, b Aug 3, 1946. Non-practising barrister. Elected 1979, contested Tonbridge and Malling Feb 1974. Appointed Shadow Home Secretary 1994; chief Lab spokesman on local govt 1992-94; on education 1987-92; housing and local govt spokesman, 1983-87; spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs 1980-83. Special adviser to Barbara Castle as Social Services Sec 1974-76, and to Peter Shore, Environment Sec, 1976-77. Member, NEC, 1994-95. Vice-pres, Assoc of District Councils, 1984-; member, council, Inst for Fiscal Studies, 1983-. Visiting Fellow, Nuffield Coll, Oxford 1990-; governor, Blackburn Coll, 1990-. On staff of Granada TV (World in Action), 1977-79. Pres, Nat Union of Students, 1969-71. Islington cllr 1971-78; ILEA 1971-74. Ed Brentwood School, Essex; Leeds Univ; Inns of Court School of Law.

BLACKPOOL NORTH & FLEETWOOD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,989 (74,797)		%Votes
Humble, J (Lab)	28,051	52.19
+Elletson, H D H (C)	19,105	35.55
Hill, B (LD)	4,600	8.56
Stacey, K (Ref)	1,704	3.17
Ellis, J (BNP)	288	0.54
Lab Majority	**8,946**	**16.64**

Total Vote 53,748 Turnout 71.67%
Swing C to Lab 14.39
1992: Total Vote 59,954 (80.16%) - C 29,838 (49.77%); Lab 22,562 (37.63%); LD 7,167 (11.95%); Other 387 (0.65%), C Maj 7,276 (12.14%).

Mrs Joan Humble, b March 3, 1951. Lancashire county cllr 1985-. JP. Member, Christian Socialist Movement; Co-op Party. TGWU. Ed Greenhead GS, Keighley; Lancaster Univ.

BLACKPOOL SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,720 (75,009)		%Votes
Marsden, G (Lab)	29,282	57.04
Booth, G R (C)	17,666	34.41
Holt, D (LD)	4,392	8.55
Lab Majority	**11,616**	**22.63**

Total Vote 51,340 Turnout 67.80%
Swing C to Lab 11.65
1992: Total Vote 58,901 (78.53%) - C 25,957 (44.07%); Lab 25,563 (43.40%); LD 7,148 (12.14%); NLP 233 (0.40%); C Maj 394 (0.67%).

Gordon Marsden, b Nov 28, 1953. Contested this seat 1992. Editor of History Today since 1985, former consultant editor New Socialist; OU tutor; author; former public affairs adviser to English Heritage. Vice-chair, Fabian Soc; former party office holder in Brighton, Hendon S and Hazel Grove, and chaired Young Fabians. Member, GMB; Assoc of British Editors. Ed Stockport GS; New College, Oxford; London and Harvard Univs

BLAYDON
Lab hold

Electorate 64,699 (66,796)		%Votes
*McWilliam, J (Lab)	27,535	59.96
Maughan, P (LD)	10,930	23.80
Watson, M (C)	6,048	13.17
Rook, R (Ind Lab)	1,412	3.07
Lab Majority	**16,605**	**36.16**

Total Vote 45,925 Turnout 70.98%
Swing LD to Lab 2.07
1992: Total Vote 51,315 (76.82%) - Lab 27,028 (52.67%); C 13,685 (26.67%); LD 10,602 (20.66%); Lab Maj 13,343 (26.00%).

John McWilliam, b May 16, 1941. Elected 1979; contested Edinburgh, Pentlands, Feb 1974. Ex-Post Office engineer. Appointed to defence select cttee 1987. member, Commons chairman's panel, 1988-; member, services cttee and chair, computer sub-cttee, 1983-87; procedure select cttee 1984-87; education, science and the arts 1980-83. Chair, PLP party affairs cttee, 1983-87; dep Shadow Leader of Commons 1983-84. Lab whip 1984-87. Unpaid dir, EURIM, a non-profitmaking organisation concerned with information technology in Europe for MPs. Joint vice-chair, all-party IT group; space group. Member, party ecclesiastical cttee. Member, Edinburgh Corp, 1970-75. Ed Leith Acad; Heriot-Watt Coll; Napier Coll of Science and Tech.

BLYTH VALLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 61,761 (61,313)		%Votes
*Campbell, R (Lab)	27,276	64.21
Lamb, A (LD)	9,540	22.46
Musgrave, B (C)	5,666	13.34
Lab Majority	**17,736**	**41.75**

Total Vote 42,482 Turnout 68.78%
Swing LD to Lab 12.70
1992: Total Vote 49,201 (80.25%) - Lab 24,542 (49.88%); LD 16,498 (33.53%); C 7,691 (15.63%); Grn 470 (0.96%); Lab Maj 8,044 (16.35%).

Ronald Campbell, b Aug 14, 1943. Unemployed miner when elected for this seat 1987. Member, select cttee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1987-. Blyth borough cllr 1969-74; Blyth Valley district cllr 1974-88. Member, NUM; worked from age of 15 at Bates Pit, Blyth. Ed Ridley HS, Blyth.

BOGNOR REGIS & LITTLEHAMPTON
C hold

Electorate 66,480 (65,567)		%Votes
Gibb, N (C)	20,537	44.22
Nash, R (Lab)	13,216	28.46
Walsh, J (LD)	11,153	24.01
Stride, G (UK Ind)	1,537	3.31
C Majority	**7,321**	**15.76**

Total Vote 46,443 Turnout 69.86%
Swing C to Lab 13.82
1992: Total Vote 49,799 (75.95%) - C 28,316 (56.86%); LD 13,309 (26.73%); Lab 6,700 (13.45%); Other 1,474 (2.96%), C Maj 15,007 (30.14%).

Nick Gibb, b Sept 3, 1960. Tax consultant and senior manager with KPMG Peat Marwick. Contested Rotherham by-election 1994; Stoke-on-Trent Central 1992. Member, C social security manifesto policy group. Chair, Bethnal Green and Stepney C assoc, 1989-90, and treas, 1988-89. With Kibbutz Merom Golan 1983; NatWest Bank 1982-83. Ed Maidstone GS; Roundhay School, Leeds; Thornes House School, Wakefield; Durham Univ

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BOLSOVER
Lab hold

Electorate 66,476 (67,485)		%Votes
+Skinner, D (Lab)	35,073	73.97
Harwood, R (C)	7,924	16.71
Cox, I (LD)	4,417	9.32
Lab Majority	**27,149**	**57.26**

Total Vote 47,414 Turnout 71.32%
Swing C to Lab 9.02

1992: Total Vote 52,731 (78.14%) - Lab 34,018 (64.51%); C 13,339 (25.30%); LD 5,374 (10.19%): Lab Maj 20,679 (39.22%).

Dennis Skinner. b Feb 11. 1932. Ex-miner. Elected 1970. Chair. Lab Party. 1988-89. and vice-chair. 1987-88; member. NEC. 1978-93 and 1994-. Unsuccessfully contested chairmanship of PLP 1990. Chair. E Midlands group of Lab MPs: miners group of Lab MPs 1977-78. Member. Campaign Group of Lab MPs. 1981-. Pres. Derbyshire miners (NUM). 1966-70: NE Derbyshire CLP. 1968-71. Clay Cross cllr 1960-70: Derbyshire county cllr 1964-70. Miner 1949-70. Sponsored by NUM 1992. Ed Tupton Hall GS: Ruskin Coll. Oxford.

BOLTON NORTH EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 67,930 (69,722)		%Votes
Crausby, D (Lab)	27,621	56.13
Wilson, R (C)	14,952	30.39
Critchley, E (LD)	4,862	9.88
Staniforth, D (Ref)	1,096	2.23
Kelly, W (Soc Lab)	676	1.37
Lab Majority	**12,669**	**25.75**

Total Vote 49,207 Turnout 72.44%
Swing C to Lab 10.17

1992: Total Vote 55,822 (80.06%) - Lab 26,494 (47.46%); C 23,477 (42.06%); LD 5,638 (10.10%); NLP 213 (0.38%); Lab Maj 3,017 (5.40%).

David Crausby. b June 17. 1946. Engineer. Contested this seat 1992: Bury N 1987. Bury metropolitan district cllr 1979-92. Served on Bolton N police consultative cttee. Chair. Bury North CLP. 1987. AEU convener. Ed Derby GS. Bury.

BOLTON SOUTH EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 66,459 (66,568)		%Votes
Iddon, B (Lab)	29,856	68.87
Carter, P (C)	8,545	19.71
Harasiwka, F (LD)	3,805	8.78
Pickering, B (Ref)	973	2.24
Walch, L (NLP)	170	0.39
Lab Majority	**21,311**	**49.16**

Total Vote 43,349 Turnout 65.23%
Swing C to Lab 11.77

1992: Total Vote 49,472 (74.32%) - Lab 26,863 (54.30%); C 14,192 (28.69%). LD 5,236 (10.58%): Ind Lab 2,891 (5.84%): NLP 290 (0.59%): Lab Maj 12,671 (25.61%).

Brian Iddon. b July 5. 1940. Reader in chemistry. Salford Univ. Bolton borough cllr 1976-. Dir. Bolton City Challenge. FRSC. Ed Christ Church Boys' School. Southport: Southport Tech Coll: Hull Univ.

BOLTON WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 63,535 (63,070)		%Votes
Kelly, R (Lab)	24,342	49.52
+Sackville, T G (C)	17,270	35.13
Ronson, B (LD)	5,309	10.80
Kelly, D (Soc Lab)	1,374	2.79
Frankl-Slater, G (Ref)	865	1.76
Lab Majority	**7,072**	**14.39**

Total Vote 49,160 Turnout 77.37%
Swing C to Lab 11.31

1992: Total Vote 52,027 (82.49%) - C 24,619 (47.32%); Lab 20,338 (39.09%); LD 6,862 (13.19%); NLP 208 (0.40%); C Maj 4,281 (8.23%).

Ms Ruth Kelly. b May 9. 1968. Economist and dep head of inflation report division. Bank of England. Economics writer. The Guardian. 1990-94: established The Guardian's panel of 'seven wise women' economists. Publicity officer for Tower Hamlets anti-racist cttee. Ed Queen's Coll. Oxford: LSE.

BOOTLE
Lab hold

Electorate 57,284 (60,913)		%Votes
+Benton, J (Lab)	31,668	82.85
Mathews, R (C)	3,247	8.49
Reid, K (LD)	2,191	5.73
Elliott, J (Ref)	571	1.49
Glover, P (Soc)	420	1.10
Cohen, S (NLP)	126	0.33
Lab Majority	**28,421**	**74.36**

Total Vote 38,223 Turnout 66.73%
Swing C to Lab 5.96

1992: Total Vote 43,440 (71.31%) - Lab 33,250 (76.54%); C 6,130 (14.11%); LD 2,812 (6.47%): Lib 1,019 (2.35%); NLP 229 (0.53%); Lab Maj 27,120 (62.43%).

Joe Benton. b Sept 28. 1933. Won second by-election for this seat 1990. Appointed a Lab whip 1994. Ex-member, energy select cttee: member. Commons chairmen's panel, 1992-94. Joint sec. all-party pro-life group. Sefton borough cllr 1970-90 (Lab group leader. 1985-90). Chair. governors. Hugh Baird Coll of Tech. 1972-93. Employed by Girobank 1982-90; ex-personnel manager Pacific Steam Navigation Co. Ed St Monica's Primary and Secondary: Bootle Tech Coll.

BOSTON & SKEGNESS
C hold

Electorate 67,623 (65,577)		%Votes
+Body, Sir R (C)	19,750	42.41
McCauley, P (Lab)	19,103	41.02
Dodsworth, J (LD)	7,721	16.58
C Majority	**647**	**1.39**

Total Vote 46,574 Turnout 68.87%
Swing C to Lab 10.58

1992: Total Vote 50,633 (77.21%) - C 25,721 (50.80%); Lab 14,299 (28.24%); LD 10,613 (20.96%); C Maj 11,422 (22.56%).

Sir Richard Body. b May 18 1927 MP for Holland with Boston 1966-97. and for Billericay 1955-59: contested Leek 1951, Rotherham 1950; and Abertillery by-election 1950. Resigned C whip 1994-96 in protest at increase in UK contribution to EU budget. Joint chair. Get Britain Out (of EEC) Campaign. 1975. Chair. select cttee on agriculture. 1983-87. and member 1979-87: member. joint cttee on Consolidation Bills. 1975-91. Underwriting member of Lloyd's. Chair. trustees. Centre for European Studies. 1991-. Vice-pres. Small Farmers' Assoc. 1985-. Joint Master. Windsor Forest Bloodhounds. 1988-. Joint vice-chair. all-party Anzac group. Chair. Open Seas Forum. 1971-. Ed Reading School.

BOSWORTH
C hold

Electorate 68,113 (66,420)		%Votes
+Tredinnick, D A S (C)	21,189	40.63
Furlong, A (Lab)	20,162	38.66
Ellis, J (LD)	9,281	17.80
Halborg, S (Ref)	1,521	2.92
C Majority	**1,027**	**1.97**

Total Vote 52,153 Turnout 76.57%
Swing C to Lab 11.56

1992: Total Vote 55,887 (84.14%) - C 28,863 (51.65%): Lab 14,732 (26.36%); LD 11,576 (20.71%); Grn 716 (1.28%); C Maj 14,131 (25.28%).

David Tredinnick. b Jan 19 1950 Elected 1987: contested Cardiff S and Penarth 1983. PPS to Sir Wyn Roberts when Welsh Office minister. 1991-94. Joint sec. C backbench defence cttee and C foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee. 1990-91: chair. British-Atlantic group of young politicians. 1989-91: treasurer. all-party alternative and complementary medicine group. 1991-. Member of Lloyd's. Chair. Anglo-East European Trading Co Ltd. 1990-: dir. Ukraine Business Agency. 1993-: family business of Malden. Mitcham Properties. 1985-: Daneswood Properties. Co-chair. Future of Europe Trust. 1991-94. Marketing manager. Q1 Europe Ltd (small business computers). 1979-81. Ed Ludgrove School. Wokingham: Eton: Mons Officer Cadet School; Graduate Business School, Cape Town Univ: St John's Coll. Oxford.

BOURNEMOUTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 61,862 (63,396)		%Votes
+Atkinson, D (C)	17,997	29.30
Eyre, D (LD)	13,651	22.22
Stevens, J (Lab)	9,181	14.95
Musgrave-Scott, A (Ref)	1,808	2.94
Benney, K (UK Ind)	791	1.29
C Majority	**4,346**	**7.08**

Total Vote 61,425 Turnout 99.29%
Swing C to LD 8.67

1992: Total Vote 46,066 (72.56%) - C 25,558 (55.48%); LD 14,315 (31.07%); Lab 5,916 (12.84%); NLP 277 (0.60%): C Maj 11,243 (24.41%).

David Atkinson. b March 24. 1940. Elected 1977 by-election: contested Newham NW Feb 1974. and Basildon Oct 1974. PPS to Paul Channon in various ministerial posts 1979-87. Joint vice-chair. C backbench tourism cttee: C backbench health cttee 1988-. Treas. all-party British-USSR group: chair. Albanian and Cameroon groups. Chair. national YCs. 1970-71. Essex county cllr 1973-78: Southend cllr 1969-72. Pres. Christian Solidarity International (UK). 1983- (chair 1979-83): International Soc for Human Rights (UK) 1985-. Ed St George's Coll. Weybridge: Southend Coll of Tech: Coll of Automobile and Aeronautical Engineering.

BOURNEMOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 62,028 (63,222)		%Votes
+Butterfill, J (C)	17,115	41.67
Dover, J (LD)	11,405	27.77
Gritt, D (Lab)	10,093	24.57
Mills, R (Ref)	1,910	4.65
Tooley, L (UK Ind)	281	0.68
Morse, J (BNP)	165	0.40
Springham, A (NLP)	103	0.25
C Majority	**5,710**	**13.90**

Total Vote 41,072 Turnout 66.22%
Swing C to LD 5.59

1992: Total Vote 46,714 (73.89%) - C 24,532 (52.52%); LD 12,815 (27.43%); Lab 9,110 (19.50%); NLP 257 (0.55%); C Maj 11,717 (25.08%).

John Butterfill. b Feb 14. 1941 Elected 1983: contested Croydon NW 1981 by-election: London South Inner in 1979 Euro elections. PPS to Brian Mawhinney when N Ireland Min: PPS to Cecil Parkinson. Energy and Transport Sec. 1988-90. Member. trade and industry select cttee. 1992-: Commons chairmen's panel. Chair. C group for Europe. 1989-92. and vice-pres. 1992-; chair. 1995-. and previously joint vice-chair. C backbench Euro affairs cttee: joint vice-chair. C finance cttee: joint vice-chair. all-party Building Societies group: chair. all-party occupational pensions group. 1992-. Partner. Butterfill Associates. Dir. Conservation Investments Ltd: Conservation Properties Ltd: PYV Ltd: Delphi Group plc: Maple Stores plc. Adviser to British Insurance and Investment Brokers Assoc and the Independent Financial Advisers Assoc on a joint basis: British Venture Capital Assoc. Consultant (non-party). Curchod and Co. chartered surveyors. Member. council of management. People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. 1990-. Hon pres. European Property Associates. 1979-. Ed Caterham School: Coll of Estate Management. London.

BRACKNELL
C hold

Electorate 79,292 (69,433)		%Votes
+Mackay, A (C)	27,983	47.36
Snelgrove, A (Lab)	17,596	29.78
Hilliar, A (LD)	9,122	15.44
Tompkins, J (N Lab)	1,909	3.23
Cairns, W (Ref)	1,636	2.77
Boxall, L (UK Ind)	569	0.96
Roberts, D (ProLife)	276	0.47
C Majority	**10,387**	**17.58**

Total Vote 59,091 Turnout 74.52%
Swing C to Lab 11.29

1992: Total Vote 59,463 (85.64%) - C 35,916 (60.40%); Lab 12,036 (20.24%); LD 11,511 (19.36%); C Maj 23,880 (40.16%).

Andrew Mackay. b Aug 27. 1949. MP for Berkshire E 1983-97 and for Birmingham Stechford from by-election 1977 to 1979. Appointed gvt deputy chief whip 1996; senior whip and pairing whip 1995-96: pairing whip 1993-95: asst whip 1992-93. Member. finance and services select cttee: selection cttee. PPS to Tom King, N Ireland and Defence Sec. 1986-92. Member. environment select cttee, 1985-86; nat exec, C Party. 1979-82. Sec. C backbench foreign affairs cttee, 1985-86: sec. C Friends of Israel group. 1986-92. Ex-adviser to Morgan Grenfell plc. D.Y. Davies plc. and Henry Butcher and Co. chartered surveyors: dir of Cabra Estates plc. 1989-92: former non-exec dir of Barnett Consulting Group Ltd. Former estate agent. Ed Solihull School.

BRADFORD NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 66,228 (67,014)		%Votes
*Rooney, T (Lab)	23,493	56.08
Skinner, R (C)	10,723	25.59
Browne, T (LD)	6,083	14.52
Wheatley, H (Ref)	1,227	2.93
Beckett, W (Loony)	369	0.88
Lab Majority	**12,770**	**30.48**

Total Vote 41,895 Turnout 63.26%
Swing C to Lab 7.41

1992: Total Vote 48,963 (73.06%) - Lab 23,420 (47.83%); C 15,756 (32.18%); LD 9,133 (18.65%); Loony 350 (0.71%); Islamic 304 (0.62%); Lab Maj 7,664 (15.65%).

Terry Rooney. b Nov 11. 1950. Won 1990 by-election. Chair. PLP social security cttee. 1991. Member. broadcasting select cttee. Sec. Yorkshire group of Lab MPs. Bradford cllr 1983-90 (chair. Lab group. 1988-90; dep leader of council. 1990). Ex-welfare rights advice worker and commercial insurance broker. Ed Buttershaw Comp: Bradford Coll.

BRADFORD SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 68,391 (70,358)		%Votes
*Sutcliffe, G (Lab)	25,558	56.72
Hawkesworth, A (C)	12,622	28.01
Wilson-Fletcher, A (LD)	5,093	11.30
Kershaw, M (Ref)	1,785	3.96
Lab Majority	**12,936**	**28.71**

Total Vote 45,058 Turnout 65.88%
Swing C to Lab 9.72

1992: Total Vote 52,867 (75.14%) - Lab 25,185 (47.64%); C 20,283 (38.37%); LD 7,243 (13.70%); Islamic 156 (0.30%); Lab Maj 4,902 (9.27%).

Gerry Sutcliffe. b May 13. 1953. Elected at 1994 by-election. Member. PAC 1996-. Chair. all-party South Pennines group. 1996-; vice-chair. Yorkshire group of Lab MPs. 1995-. Bradford metropolitan district cllr 1982-88 and 1990-94 (leader. 1992-94). Deputy sec. Sogat. later the Graphical. Paper and Media Union. 1980-94. Display advertising clerk. Bradford Telegraph and Argus. 1971-75: with Field Printers. 1975-80. Ed Cardinal Hinsley GS: Bradford Coll.

BRADFORD WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 71,961 (70,769)		%Votes
Singh, M (Lab)	18,932	41.55
Riaz, M (C)	15,055	33.04
Wright, H (LD)	6,737	14.78
Khan, A (Soc Lab)	1,551	3.40
Royston, C (Ref)	1,348	2.96
Robinson, J (Green)	861	1.89
Osborn, G (BNP)	839	1.84
Shah, S (Soc)	245	0.54
Lab Majority	**3,877**	**8.51**

Total Vote 45,568 Turnout 63.32%
Swing Lab to C 5.45

1992: Total Vote 48,946 (69.16%) - Lab 26,046 (53.21%); C 16,544 (33.80%); LD 5,150 (10.52%); Grn 735 (1.50%); Islamic 471 (0.96%); Lab Maj 9,502 (19.41%).

Marsha Singh. b Oct 11. 1954. NHS senior development manager. Chair. Bradford CLP 1992-. Ed Bellevue GS. Bradford: Loughborough Univ.

BRAINTREE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,772 (68,995)		%Votes
Hurst, A (Lab)	23,729	42.70
+Newton, T (C)	22,278	40.09
Ellis, T (LD)	6,418	11.55
Westcott, N (Ref)	2,165	3.90
Abbott, J (Green)	712	1.28
Nolan, M (New Way)	274	0.49
Lab Majority	**1,451**	**2.61**

Total Vote 55,576 Turnout 76.37%
Swing C to Lab 12.86

1992: Total Vote 57,931 (83.96%) - C 29,278 (50.54%); Lab 15,890 (27.43%); LD 12,039 (20.78%); Grn 724 (1.25%); C Maj 13,388 (23.11%).

Alan Hurst. b Sept 2. 1945. Solicitor. Southend Borough cllr 1980-95(Lab group leader 1990-95): Essex County cllr. 1993-. Ed Westcliffe High School; Liverpool Univ.

BRENT EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 53,548 (56,812)		%Votes
+Livingstone, K (Lab)	23,748	67.33
Francois, M (C)	7,866	22.30
Hunter, Ian (LD)	2,751	7.80
Keable, S (Soc Lab)	466	1.32
Shanks, A (ProLife)	218	0.62
Warrilo, C (Dream)	120	0.34
Jenkins, D (NLP)	103	0.29
Lab Majority	**15,882**	**45.03**

Total Vote 35,272 Turnout 65.87%
Swing C to Lab 14.38

1992: Total Vote 36,558 (64.35%) - Lab 19,314 (52.83%); C 13,365 (36.56%); LD 3,237 (8.85%); Grn 546 (1.49%); Comm GB 96 (0.26%); Lab Maj 5,949 (16.27%).

Ken Livingstone. b June 17. 1945. Elected for this seat 1987: contested Hampstead 1979. Leader. GLC. 1981-86. when it was abolished: GLC member for Paddington. 1981-86. and for Hackney N 1973-81. Lambeth cllr 1971-78: Camden cllr 1978-82. Member. NEC. 1987-89. Member. regional exec. London Lab Party. 1974-86. Joint editor. *Labour Herald*. 1981-85. Author. dir. Localaction Ltd: former laboratory technician: lecturer for overseas students studying politics. Fellow and unpaid member. Zoological Society council. Sponsored by TGWU. Ed Tulse Hill Comp: Philippa Fawcett Coll of Ed.

BRENT NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 54,149 (55,433)		%Votes
Gardiner, B (Lab)	19,343	50.67
+Boyson, Sir R (C)	15,324	40.14
Lorber, P (LD)	3,104	8.13
Davids, T (NLP)	204	0.53
Clark, G (Dream)	199	0.52
Lab Majority	**4,019**	**10.53**

Total Vote 38,174 Turnout 70.50%
Swing C to Lab 18.83

1992: Total Vote 37,713 (68.03%) - C 21,660 (57.43%); Lab 11,430 (30.31%); LD 3,999 (10.60%); Ind 331 (0.88%); NLP 293 (0.78%); C Maj 10,230 (27.13%).

Barry Gardiner. b March 10. 1957. Arbitrator of maritime casualties; occasional lecturer for Acad of National Economy. Moscow. Cambridge city cllr (Mayor 1992). Member. MSF/GMB; Co-op Party. Ed Glasgow HS; Haileybury; St Andrews and Cambridge Univs: Harvard (JFK scholar).

BRENT SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 53,505 (59,070)		%Votes
+Boateng, P (Lab)	25,180	72.99
Jackson, S (C)	5,489	15.91
Brazil, J (LD)	2,670	7.74
Phythian, J (Ref)	497	1.44
Edler, D (Green)	389	1.13
Howard, C (Dream)	175	0.51
Mahaldar, A (NLP)	98	0.28
Lab Majority	**19,691**	**57.08**

Total Vote 34,498 Turnout 64.48%
Swing C to Lab 15.29

1992: Total Vote 37,425 (63.36%) - Lab 21,568 (57.63%); C 11,651 (31.13%); LD 3,551 (9.49%); Grn 486 (1.30%); NLP 169 (0.45%): Lab Maj 9,917 (26.50%).

Paul Boateng. b June 14. 1951. Barrister. Elected 1987: contested Hertfordshire W 1983. Appointed Lab spokesman on Lord Chancellor's Dept 1992; spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs 1989-92. Member. environment select cttee. 1987-89. Joint sec. all-party Council of Christians and Jews group: vice-chair. Bermuda group. 1996-: vice-chair. race and community group. GLC 1981-86. Member. World Council of Churches Commission on programme to combat racism. 1984-91; chair. Afro-Caribbean Education Resource Project. 1978-86. Unpaid dir. English National Opera and English Touring Opera.

BRENTFORD & ISLEWORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,058 (79,763)		%Votes
Keen, A (Lab)	32,249	57.45
+Deva, N (C)	17,825	31.75
Hartwell, G (LD)	4,613	8.22
Bradley, J (Green)	687	1.22
Simmerson, B (UK Ind)	614	1.09
Ahmed, M (NLP)	147	0.26
Lab Majority	**14,424**	**25.70**

Total Vote 56,135 Turnout 71.00%
Swing C to Lab 14.26

1992: Total Vote 59,179 (74.19%) - C 26,994 (45.61%); Lab 25,319 (42.78%); LD 5,962 (10.07%); Grn 904 (1.53%); C Maj 1,675 (2.83%).

Mrs Ann Keen. b Nov 26. 1948. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987. General sec. Community and District Nursing Assoc and ex-head of faculty for advanced nursing. Queen Charlotte's Coll. Hammersmith Hospital. Member. Lab Party health advisory forum. Chair. Brentford crime prevention panel. 1992-. Dir of Brentford town centre regeneration programme. Ed Elfed Sec Mod. Clwyd: Surrey Univ. Her husband. Alan. fought Feltham and Heston for Lab. and sister Sylvia Heal was Lab candidate for Halesowen & Rowley Regis.

BRENTWOOD & ONGAR
C hold

Electorate 66,005 (66,767)		%Votes
+Pickles, E (C)	23,031	45.40
Bottomley, E (LD)	13,341	26.30
Young, M (Lab)	11,231	22.14
Kilmartin, A (Ref)	2,658	5.24
Mills, Capt D (UK Ind)	465	0.92
C Majority	**9,690**	**19.10**

Total Vote 50,726 Turnout 76.85%
Swing C to LD 4.03

1992: Total Vote 55,856 (83.66%) - C 32,187 (57.62%); LD 17,012 (30.46%); Lab 6,102 (10.92%); Grn 555 (0.99%); C Maj 15,175 (27.17%).

Eric Pickles. b April 20. 1952. Elected for this seat 1992. A vice-chair. C Party. 1993-. Member. transport select cttee. 1995-; environment select cttee 1992-93. Leader. Bradford council. 1988-90: member 1979-91: leader. C group. 1987-91. Local govt editor. Conservative Newsline. 1990-. Member. Nat Union exec cttee. 1975-91: One Nation Forum 1987-91; nat advisory cttee on local gvt 1985- (chair. 1992-93). Lecturer at C agents examination courses. 1988-.

BRIDGWATER
C hold

Electorate 73,038 (71,111)		%Votes
*King, T (C)	20,174	36.93
Hoban, M (LD)	18,378	33.65
Lavers, R (Lab)	13,519	24.75
Evens, F (Ref)	2,551	4.67
C Majority	**1,796**	**3.29**

Total Vote 54,622 Turnout 74.79%
Swing C to LD 6.89

1992: Total Vote 56,910 (80.03%) - C 26,610 (46.76%): LD 16,894 (29.69%): Lab 12,365 (21.73%); Grn 746 (1.31%); Ind 183 (0.32%); NLP 112 (0.20%); C Maj 9,716 (17.07%).

Tom King. b June 13. 1933. Elected at 1970 by-election. Resigned from Gvt after 1992 election. Defence Sec 1989-92: N Ireland Sec 1985-89: Employment Sec 1983-85: Transport Sec June-Oct 1983: Environment Sec Jan-June 1983: Local Gvt and Environmental Services Min 1979-83. C spokesman on energy 1976-79. and on industry 1975-76. Appointed member of Nolan Cttee on Standards in Public Life 1994: chair. parly intelligence and security cttee. 1994-. Dir. Electra Investment Trust plc: non-exec chair. London International Exhibition Centre. Chair. English Rural Housing Assoc: Water Group of Overseas Projects Board: member. Overseas Projects Board (all unpaid). Chair. Sale. Tilney & Co Ltd. 1971-79 (dir 1965-79): general manager. E.S. and A. Robinson. Bristol. 1964-69. joining company in 1956. Chair. Lords and Commons Ski Club. Ed Rugby: Emmanuel Coll. Cambridge.

BRIGG & GOOLE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 63,648 (63,013)		%Votes
Cawsey, I (Lab)	23,493	50.20
Stewart, D M (C)	17,104	36.55
Hardy, M (LD)	4,692	10.03
Rigby, D (Ref)	1,513	3.23
Lab Majority	**6,389**	**13.65**

Total Vote 46,802 Turnout 73.53%
Swing C to Lab 13.90

1992: Total Vote 51,163 (81.19%) - C 25,499 (49.84%); Lab 18,258 (35.69%); LD 7,406 (14.48%); C Maj 7,241 (14.15%).

Ian Cawsey. b April 14. 1960. Contested Brigg and Cleethorpes in 1992. Research asst to Elliot Morley. MP. Humberside county cllr 1989-96; North Lincolnshire Unitary Authority 1995- (council leader 1995-); chair. Humberside Police Authority 1993-. Member. Friends of the Earth. Ed Wintringham School. Grimsby.

BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,147 (65,932)		%Votes
Turner, D (Lab)	21,479	46.56
+Bowden, Sir A (C)	17,945	38.90
Gray, C (LD)	4,478	9.71
Inman, D (Ref)	1,526	3.31
Williams, H (Soc Lab)	316	0.68
Bowler, J (NLP)	172	0.37
Newman, L (Loony)	123	0.27
Darlow, R (Dream)	93	0.20
Lab Majority	**3,534**	**7.66**

Total Vote 46,132 Turnout 70.81%
Swing C to Lab 13.92

1992: Total Vote 50,826 (77.09%) - C 26,828 (52.78%); Lab 16,571 (32.60%); LD 7,056 (13.88%); NLP 371 (0.73%); C Maj 10,257 (20.18%).

Desmond Turner. b July. 1939. Teacher and biochemist. Contested Mid-Sussex 1979. East Sussex county cllr 1985-; Brighton borough cllr 1994-; Brighton and Hove unitary cllr 1996-. Founder of Wage-line. campaign for a minimum wage. Ed Luton GS: Imperial Coll; University Coll. London.

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BRIGHTON PAVILION
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 66,431 (66,008)		%Votes
Lepper, D (Lab Co-op)	26,737	54.62
+Spencer, Sir D (C)	13,556	27.69
Blanshard, K C (LD)	4,644	9.49
Stocken, P (Ref)	1,304	2.66
West, P (Green)	1,249	2.55
Huggett, R (Ind C)	1,098	2.24
Stevens, F (UK Ind)	179	0.37
Dobbs, B (SG)	125	0.26
Card, A (Dream)	59	0.12
Lab Co-op Majority	**13,181**	**26.93**

Total Vote 48,951 Turnout 73.69%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 49,975 (75.71%) - C 22,619 (45.26%); Lab 20,089 (40.20%); LD 6,169 (12.34%); Grn 992 (1.98%); NLP 106 (0.21%); C Maj 2,530 (5.06%).

David Lepper. b Sept 15. 1945. Contested this seat 1992. Retired teacher. Mayor of Brighton 1993-94. Member. Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority: Lab leader of Brighton council 1986-93: elected to council 1980. Ed Wimbledon County Sec: Kent and Sussex Univs: Central London Poly.

BRISTOL EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 68,990 (69,428)		%Votes
+Corston, J (Lab)	27,418	56.88
Vaizey, E (C)	11,259	23.36
Tyzack, P (LD)	7,121	14.77
Philp, G (Ref)	1,479	3.07
Williams, P (Soc Lab)	766	1.59
McLaggan, J (NLP)	158	0.33
Lab Majority	**16,159**	**33.52**

Total Vote 48,201 Turnout 69.87%
Swing C to Lab 11.92

1992: Total Vote 54,502 (78.50%) - Lab 25,754 (47.25%); C 20,472 (37.56%); LD 8,025 (14.72%); NF 251 (0.46%); Lab Maj 5,282 (9.69%).

Ms Jean Corston. b May 5. 1942. Non-practising barrister. Gained this seat for Lab 1992. Member. select cttee on home affairs. 1995-; on agriculture 1992-95. Chair. all-party parenting matters group. 1996-: PLP children and the family cttee. Worked at Lab regional office. Bristol 1976-85. being first SW regional women's organiser then SW regional organiser: at Lab Party HQ 1985-86. Unpaid dir. Tribune Publications Ltd. Ed Yeovil Girls' HS. Somerset: OU; LSE: Inns of Court School of Law.

BRISTOL NORTH WEST
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 75,009 (73,542)		%Votes
Naysmith, D (Lab Co-op)	27,575	33.30
+Stern, M C (C)	16,193	19.55
Parry, I (LD)	7,263	8.77
Horton, C (Ind Lab)	1,718	2.07
Quintanilla, J (Ref)	1,609	1.94
Shorter, G (Soc Lab)	482	0.58
Parnell, S (BNP)	265	0.32
Leighton, T (NLP)	140	0.17
Lab Co-op Majority	**11,382**	**13.74**

Total Vote 82,820 Turnout 110.41%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 3.63

1992: Total Vote 59,719 (81.20%) - Lab Co-op 27,019 (45.24%); C 23,148 (38.76%); LD 8,849 (14.82%); Soc Dem 703 (1.18%); Lab Co-op Maj 3,871 (6.48%).

Doug Naysmith. b April 1. 1941. Medical scientist and lecturer. Contested this seat 1992: Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1987: Bristol in 1979 Euro elections. Nat pres. Socialist Health Assoc. Bristol city cllr. 1981- (chief whip. Lab group. 1988-; chair. Port of Bristol. 1976-). Past chair. Bristol district Lab Party: chair. Bristol Co-op Party regional council. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed Musselburgh Burgh School: George Heriot School. Edinburgh: Edinburgh and Yale Univs.

BRISTOL SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 72,393 (75,860)		%Votes
+Primarolo, D (Lab)	29,890	59.95
Roe, M (C)	10,562	21.18
Williams, S (LD)	6,691	13.42
Guy, D (Ref)	1,486	2.98
Boxall, J (Green)	722	1.45
Marshall, I (Soc)	355	0.71
Taylor, L (Glow)	153	0.31
Lab Majority	**19,328**	**38.77**

Total Vote 49,859 Turnout 68.87%
Swing C to Lab 12.35

1992: Total Vote 57,675 (76.03%) - Lab 27,259 (47.26%); C 19,144 (33.19%); LD 10,361 (17.96%): Grn 768 (1.33%); NLP 143 (0.25%); Lab Maj 8,115 (14.07%).

Ms Dawn Primarolo. b May 2. 1954. Ex-researcher. Elected 1987. Party spokesman on Treasury matters 1994; spokesman on health 1992-94. Member. members' interests select cttee 1988-92. Avon county cllr 1985-87. Ex-sec. Bristol South East CLP; chair. Bristol District Lab Party; SW rep. Nat Lab Women's Cttee. Sponsored by MSF 1992. Ed Thomas Bennett Comp. Crawley; Bristol Poly; Bristol Univ.

BRISTOL WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 84,870 (77,906)		%Votes
Davey, V (Lab)	22,068	35.23
+Waldegrave, W (C)	20,575	32.85
Boney, C (LD)	17,551	28.02
Beauchamp, Lady M (Ref)	1,304	2.08
Quinnell, J (Green)	852	1.36
Nurse, R (Soc Lab)	244	0.39
Brierley, J (NLP)	47	0.08
Lab Majority	**1,493**	**2.38**

Total Vote 62,641 Turnout 73.81%
Swing C to Lab 12.08

1992: Total Vote 59,477 (76.34%) - C 26,850 (45.14%); LD 17,356 (29.18%); Lab 13,900 (23.37%); Grn 1,002 (1.68%); NLP 115 (0.19%); Rev Comm 103 (0.17%); SOADDA 98 (0.16%); Anti-Fed 53 (0.09%); C Maj 9,494 (15.96%).

Ms Valerie Davey, b April 16, 1940. Teacher. Avon county cllr 1981-96 (leader, Lab group, 1992-96). Member, NUT; SEA; Amnesty; Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform. Ed Birmingham and London Univs.

BROMLEY & CHISLEHURST
C hold

Electorate 71,104 (73,653)		%Votes
+Forth, M E (C)	24,428	46.32
Yeldham, R (Lab)	13,310	25.24
Booth, P (LD)	12,530	23.76
Bryant, R (UK Ind)	1,176	2.23
Speed, F (Green)	640	1.21
Stoneman, M (NF)	369	0.70
Aitman, G (Lib)	285	0.54
C Majority	**11,118**	**21.08**

Total Vote 52,738 Turnout 74.17%
Swing C to Lab 11.82

1992: Total Vote 58,150 (78.95%) - C 36,028 (61.96%); LD 10,370 (17.83%); Lab 10,027 (17.24%); Other 1,725 (2.97%); C Maj 25,658 (44.12%).

Eric Forth, b Sept 9, 1944. MP for Mid Worcestershire 1983-97: contested Barking, Feb and Oct 1974. MEP for N Birmingham 1979-84. Education and Employment Min 1995-97: Education Min 1994-95; Education Under Sec 1992-94. and for employment 1990-92; Consumer Affairs Under Sec 1988-90. PPS to Educ and Science Min 1986-87. Chair (1987-88) and vice-chair (1983-86), C backbench European affairs cttee: member, employment select cttee, 1983-87; sec, C backbench sports cttee, 1985-86. Ed Jordanhill Coll School, Glasgow; Glasgow Univ.

BROMSGROVE
C hold

Electorate 67,744 (71,079)		%Votes
Kirkbride, J (C)	24,620	47.16
McDonald, P (Lab)	19,725	37.78
Davy, J (LD)	6,200	11.88
Winsor, D (Ref)	1,411	2.70
Wetton, B (UK Ind)	251	0.48
C Majority	**4,895**	**9.38**

Total Vote 52,207 Turnout 77.07%
Swing C to Lab 7.01

1992: Total Vote 58,770 (82.68%) - C 31,773 (54.06%); Lab 18,021 (30.66%); LD 8,118 (13.81%); Grn 858 (1.46%); C Maj 13,752 (23.40%).

Miss Julie Kirkbride, b June 5, 1960. Ex-social affairs editor, Sunday Telegraph; political reporter, Daily Telegraph. Member, Halifax YCs, 1974-78. Ed Highlands GS; Girton Coll, Cambridge (vice-pres of Union).

BROXBOURNE
C hold

Electorate 66,720 (66,062)		%Votes
+Roe, M (C)	22,952	48.86
Coleman, B (Lab)	16,299	34.70
Davies, J (LD)	5,310	11.30
Millward, D (Ref)	1,633	3.48
Bruce, D (BNP)	610	1.30
Cheetham, B (Third)	172	0.37
C Majority	**6,653**	**14.16**

Total Vote 46,976 Turnout 70.41%
Swing C to Lab 13.36

1992: Total Vote 52,220 (79.05%) - C 32,518 (62.27%); Lab 11,168 (21.39%); LD 8,353 (16.00%); NLP 181 (0.35%); C Maj 21,350 (40.88%).

Mrs Marion Roe, b July 15, 1936. Elected 1983; contested Barking 1979. Environment Under Sec 1987-88. Chair, select cttee on health, 1992-; member, select cttees on procedure, 1991-92; sittings of Commons 1991-94; Commons administration 1991-97; social services 1988-89. Chair, all-party hospice party group, 1992-; joint vice-chair, gardening group, 1995-; sec, British Canadian group, 1991-. Chair, C backbench social security ctte. 1990-; joint vice-chair, C environment ctte, 1990-. Member, UK cttee, Euro research group; advisory cttee on women's employment, 1989-. Substitute member, UK delegation to Council of Europe and WEU, 1989-92. Managing trustee, party contributory pension fund, 1990-. Vice-pres, Women's Nat Cancer Control Campaign, 1985-. Freeman, City of London; Liveryman, Gardeners Company. Ed Bromley HS; Croydon HS; English School of Languages, Vevey.

BROXTOWE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,144 (73,754)		%Votes
Palmer, N (Lab)	27,343	47.03
+Lester, Sir J (C)	21,768	37.44
Miller, T (LD)	6,934	11.93
Tucker, R (Ref)	2,092	3.60
Lab Majority	**5,575**	**9.59**

Total Vote 58,137 Turnout 78.41%
Swing C to Lab 12.90

1992: Total Vote 60,868 (82.53%) - C 31,033 (50.99%); Lab 21,162 (34.77%); LD 8,378 (13.76%); NLP 293 (0.48%); C Maj 9,871 (16.22%).

Nick Palmer, b Feb 5, 1950. Computing manager. Contested Chelsea 1983; East Sussex and Kent South in 1994 Euro elections. Ed London Univ; Copenhagen Univ.

BUCKINGHAM
C hold

Electorate 62,945 (59,535)		%Votes
Bercow, J S (C)	24,594	49.79
Lehmann, R (Lab)	12,208	24.71
Stuart, N (LD)	12,175	24.65
Clements, G (NLP)	421	0.85
C Majority	**12,386**	**25.07**

Total Vote 49,398 Turnout 78.48%
Swing C to Lab 10.58

1992: Total Vote 49,838 (83.71%) - C 31,045 (62.29%); LD 10,401 (20.87%); Lab 7,999 (16.05%); NLP 391 (0.78%); C Maj 20,644 (41.42%).

John Bercow, b Jan 19, 1963. Won this seat 1997. Contested Bristol S 1992; Motherwell S 1987. Nat chair, Fed of C Students, 1986-. Special adviser to Virginia Bottomley, Nat Heritage Sec, 1995-96, and previously to Treasury Min. Lambeth cllr 1986-90 (dep C group leader, 1987-89). Senior consultant, Westminster Strategy. Former dir of Roland Sallingbury Casey: credit analyst with Hambros Bank 1987-88. Ed Finchley Manorhill School; Essex Univ.

BURNLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 67,582 (69,176)		%Votes
*Pike, P (Lab)	26,210	57.93
Wiggin, W (C)	9,148	20.22
Birtwistle, G (LD)	7,877	17.41
Oakley, R (Ref)	2,010	4.44
Lab Majority	**17,062**	**37.71**

Total Vote 45,245 Turnout 66.95%
Swing C to Lab 7.65

1992: Total Vote 51,291 (74.15%) - Lab 27,184 (53.00%); C 15,693 (30.60%); LD 8,414 (16.40%): Lab Maj 11,491 (22.40%).

Peter Pike, b June 26, 1937. Elected 1983. Lab spokesman on housing 1992-94; on rural affairs 1990-92. Member, select cttees on deregulation, 1995-; procedure, 1995-; environment, 1985-90. Merton and Morden cllr 1962-63; Burnley borough cllr 1976-84. Production worker (inspection), 1973-83. Lab Party organiser and agent 1963-73: union shop steward 1976-83. Ed Hinchley Wood Sec School; Kingston Tech Coll.

BURTON
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,601 (72,244)		%Votes
Dean, J (Lab)	27,810	51.02
+Lawrence, Sir I (C)	21,480	39.40
Fletcher, D (LD)	4,617	8.47
Sharp, K (Nat Dem)	604	1.11
Lab Majority	**6,330**	**11.61**

Total Vote 54,511 Turnout 75.08%
Swing C to Lab 9.30

1992: Total Vote 59,000 (81.67%) - C 28,454 (48.23%); Lab 24,327 (41.23%); LD 6,219 (10.54%); C Maj 4,127 (6.99%).

Ms Janet Dean, b Jan 28, 1949. Staffordshire cllr 1981-; East Staffordshire borough cllr 1991- (Mayor). Founder member, Uttoxeter crime prevention panel; chair, Uttoxeter CAB. Ed Winsford Verdin GS, Cheshire.

BURY NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,515 (70,245)		%Votes
Chaytor, D M (Lab)	28,523	51.81
*Burt, A (C)	20,657	37.52
Kenyon, N (LD)	4,536	8.24
Hallewell, R (Ref)	1,337	2.43
Lab Majority	**7,866**	**14.29**

Total Vote 55,053 Turnout 78.07%
Swing C to Lab 11.19

1992: Total Vote 58,941 (83.91%) - C 29,266 (49.65%); Lab 24,502 (41.57%); LD 5,010 (8.50%); NLP 163 (0.28%); C Maj 4,764 (8.08%).

David Chaytor, b Aug 3, 1949. Ex-senior staff tutor and head of continuing education, Manchester Coll of Arts and Tech. Contested Calder Valley 1992 and 1987. Calderdale borough cllr 1982-. Member, full employment forum; NATFHE; TGWU. Ed Bury GS; Huddersfield Poly; London and Bradford Univs.

BURY SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,568 (65,391)		%Votes
Lewis, I (Lab)	28,658	56.94
+Sumberg, D (C)	16,225	32.24
D'Albert, V (LD)	4,227	8.40
Slater, B (Ref)	1,216	2.42
Lab Majority	**12,433**	**24.70**

Total Vote 50,328 Turnout 75.60%
Swing C to Lab 13.02

1992: Total Vote 54,204 (81.64%) - C 24,925 (45.98%); Lab 24,197 (44.64%); LD 4,853 (8.95%); NLP 229 (0.42%); C Maj 728 (1.34%).

Ivan Lewis, b March 4, 1967. Chief exec. Jewish Social Services, Greater Manchester (a charity); chair, North Manchester Jewish youth project. Bury borough cllr, 1990-. Chair, Bury South CLP, 1991-96. Ed William Hulme's GS; Stand Sixth-Form Coll.

BURY ST EDMUNDS
C hold

Electorate 74,017 (70,181)		%Votes
Ruffley, D (C)	21,290	38.16
Ereira-Guyer, M (Lab)	20,922	37.50
Cooper, D A (LD)	10,102	18.10
McWhirter, I (Ref)	2,939	5.27
Lillis, J (NLP)	272	0.49
C Majority	**368**	**0.66**

Total Vote 55,797 Turnout 75.38%
Swing C to Lab 9.64

1992: Total Vote 56,070 (79.89%) - C 25,742 (45.91%); LD 15,097 (26.93%); Lab 14,565 (25.98%); NLP 666 (1.19%); C Maj 10,645 (18.99%).

David Ruffley, b April 18, 1962. Solicitor. Special adviser to Secretary of State for Education and Science 1991-92; Home Office 1992-93; Chancellor of the Exchequer 1993-96. Consultant, Grant Maintained Schools Foundation 1991-. Ed Bolton School; Queens' Coll, Cambridge.

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CALDER VALLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,901 (74,824)		%Votes
McCafferty, C (Lab)	26,050	46.13
*Thompson, Sir D (C)	19,795	35.06
Pearson, S (LD)	8,322	14.74
Mellor, A (Ref)	1,380	2.44
Smith, V (Green)	488	0.86
Jackson, C (BNP)	431	0.76
Lab Majority	**6,255**	**11.08**

Total Vote 56,466 Turnout 75.39%
Swing C to Lab 9.53

1992: Total Vote 61,092 (81.65%) - C 27,753 (45.43%); Lab 22,875 (37.44%); LD 9,842 (16.11%); Grn 622 (1.02%); C Maj 4,878 (7.98%).

Ms Christine McCafferty, b Oct 14, 1945. Manager of well woman health centre. Calderdale district cllr; Calderdale rep on police authority, and chair, policy community forum. Lay prison visitor. Member, MSF. Chair, Calderdale Domestic Violence Forum. Ed Whalley Range GS for Girls; Footscray HS, Victoria, Australia.

CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM
Lab hold

Electorate 50,214 (64,229)		%Votes
+Harman, H (Lab)	19,734	69.31
Humphreys, K (C)	3,383	11.88
Williams, N (LD)	3,198	11.23
China, N (Ref)	692	2.43
Ruddock, A (Soc Lab)	685	2.41
Williams, G (Lib)	443	1.56
Barker, J (Soc)	233	0.82
Eames, C (WRP)	106	0.37
Lab Majority	**16,351**	**57.42**

Total Vote 28,474 Turnout 56.71%
Swing C to Lab 10.43

1992: Total Vote 32,950 (51.30%) - Lab 19,891 (60.37%); C 7,841 (23.80%); LD 4,974 (15.10%); Other 244 (0.74%); Lab Maj 12,050 (36.57%).

Ms Harriet Harman, b July 30, 1950. Solicitor and civil rights campaigner. Elected for this seat 1997; MP for Peckham, 1982-97. Chief Lab spokesman on social security 1996; chief spokesman on health 1995-96; on employment 1994-95. In Shadow Cabinet 1992-93 and since 1994; Shadow Chief Sec to the Treasury 1992-93, retaining post when defeated in 1993 Shadow Cabinet elections; member, NEC, 1993-. Joined Lab frontbench DHSS team in 1985, being responsible for health issues from 1987. Legal officer, Nat Council for Civil Liberties, 1978-82; Brent Community Law Centre, 1975-78. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed St Paul's Girls' School; York Univ.

CAMBRIDGE
Lab hold

Electorate 71,669 (69,976)		%Votes
*Campbell, A (Lab)	27,436	53.44
Platt, D (C)	13,299	25.90
Heathcock, G (LD)	8,287	16.14
Burrows, W (Ref)	1,262	2.46
Wright, M (Green)	654	1.27
Johnstone, A (ProLife)	191	0.37
Athow, R (WRP)	107	0.21
Gladwin, P (NLP)	103	0.20
Lab Majority	**14,137**	**27.54**

Total Vote 51,339 Turnout 71.63%
Swing C to Lab 13.19

1992: Total Vote 50,513 (73.23%) - Lab 20,039 (39.67%); C 19,459 (38.52%); LD 10,037 (19.87%); Grn 720 (1.43%); Loony 175 (0.35%); NLP 83 (0.16%); Lab Maj 580 (1.15%).

Mrs Anne Campbell, b April 6, 1940. Won this seat 1992. Member, select cttee on science and tech, 1992-; joint vice-pres, 1996-, and chair, parly and scientific ctte, 1994-96. Head of statistics and data processing dept, Nat Inst of Agricultural Botany, Cambridge, 1983-92. Senior lecturer in statistics, Cambridge Coll of arts and tech, 1970-83. Cambridgeshire cllr 1985-89. Dir, Welding Institute: unpaid dir, Science Policy Support Group. Fellow, Inst of Statisticians and Royal Statistical Soc. FRSA. Sponsored by MSF 1992. Ed Newnham Coll, Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 76,056 (73,005)		%Votes
+Moss, M (C)	23,855	43.04
Bucknor, V (Lab)	18,754	33.84
Nash, A (LD)	9,070	16.36
Bacon, M (Ref)	2,636	4.76
Bennett, C (Soc Lab)	851	1.54
Leighton, L (NLP)	259	0.47
C Majority	**5,101**	**9.20**

Total Vote 55,425 Turnout 72.87%
Swing C to Lab 15.35

1992: Total Vote 58,239 (79.77%) - C 31,168 (53.52%); LD 18,007 (30.92%); Lab 7,928 (13.61%); Lib 927 (1.59%); NLP 209 (0.36%); C Maj 13,161 (22.60%).

Malcolm Moss, b March 6, 1943. Won this seat 1987. N Ireland Under Sec 1994. PPS to Tristan Garel-Jones, Foreign Office Min, 1991-94. Member, energy select cttee, 1988-91; joint vice-chair, 1989-91, and sec 1987-89, C backbench energy cttee. Wisbech town cllr 1979-87; Fenland district cllr 1983-87; Cambridgeshire county cllr 1985-87. Non-exec chair, 1986-94, and ex-managing dir, Mandrake Associates Ltd. Asst master and then head of dept, Blundell's School, 1966-70; insurance consultant 1970-72; general manager, Barwick Associates, 1972-74. Ed Audenshaw GS; St John's Coll, Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 65,791 (65,640)		%Votes
+Mawhinney, B S (C)	23,488	48.11
Steptoe, L (Lab)	15,734	32.23
McCoy, B (LD)	7,388	15.13
Watt, S (Ref)	1,939	3.97
Wyatt, B (UK Ind)	269	0.55
C Majority	**7,754**	**15.88**

Total Vote 48,818 Turnout 74.20%
Swing C to Lab 10.29

1992: Total Vote 51,593 (78.60%) - C 32,170 (62.35%); Lab 13,361 (25.90%); LD 4,503 (8.73%); Other 1,559 (3.02%); C Maj 18,809 (36.46%).

Dr Brian Mawhinney, b July 26, 1940. Appointed Minister without Portfolio and chairman of Conservative Party 1995. Won this seat 1997; MP for Peterborough, 1979-97; contested Teesside, Stockton, Oct 1974. Transport Sec 1994. Health Min 1992-94: N Ireland Min 1990-92; N Ireland UnderSec 1986-90. PPS to Treasury mins 1982-84; to Employment Sec 1984-85; and to N Ireland Sec 1985-86. Member, environment select cttee, 1979-82. Radiation biologist; senior lecturer, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London, 1970-84. Member, Medical Research Council, 1980-83; nat council, Nat Soc for Cancer Relief, 1981-85. Pres, C trade unionists, 1987-90. Member, General Synod of C of E, 1985-90. Ed Royal Belfast Academical Inst; Queen's Univ, Belfast; Univ of Michigan; London Univ.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 69,850 (68,550)		%Votes
Lansley, A (C)	22,572	42.05
Quinlan, J (LD)	13,860	25.82
Gray, A (Lab)	13,485	25.12
Page, R (Ref)	3,300	6.15
Norman, D (UK Ind)	298	0.56
Chalmers, F (NLP)	168	0.31
C Majority	**8,712**	**16.23**

Total Vote 53,683 Turnout 76.85%
Swing C to LD 8.72

1992: Total Vote 56,232 (82.03%) - C 32,914 (58.53%); LD 13,976 (24.85%); Lab 8,624 (15.34%); Other 718 (1.28%); C Maj 18,938 (33.68%).

Andrew Lansley, b Dec 11, 1956. Head of research department, Conservative Central Office, 1990-95, and director, Public Policy Unit, 1995. Principal private sec, Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, 1985-87; private sec, to trade and industry sec, 1984-85. Member, nat union exec and gen purposes cttees, Conservative Party, 1990-95. With Assoc of British Chambers of Commerce, 1987-89, being director policy, 1987, and dep director-general, 1989-90. Ed Brentwood School; Exeter Univ.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 75,666 (71,672)		%Votes
+Paice, J E T (C)	24,397	42.95
Collinson, R (Lab)	15,048	26.49
Brinton, S (LD)	14,246	25.08
Howlett, J (Ref)	2,838	5.00
Lam, K (Fair)	167	0.29
While, P (NLP)	111	0.20
C Majority	**9,349**	**16.46**

Total Vote 56,807 Turnout 75.08%
Swing C to Lab 10.78

1992: Total Vote 57,552 (80.30%) - C 33,080 (57.48%); LD 12,217 (21.23%); Lab 11,205 (19.47%); Grn 824 (1.43%); NLP 226 (0.39%); C Maj 20,863 (36.25%).

James Paice, b April 24, 1949. Elected 1987. Contested Caernarfon 1979. Education and Employment Under Sec 1995. Employment Under Sec 1994-95. PPS to John Gummer, Agric Min and Environment Sec, 1991-94; PPS to Agric Min, 1989-91. Chair, all-party racing and bloodstock cttee, 1992-94. Member, employment select cttee, 1987-90; joint sec, C backbench employment cttee, 1988-89. Suffolk Coastal district cllr 1976-87 (chair, 1982-83). Non-exec director, United Framlingham Farmers Ltd, 1989-94; Framlingham Management and Training Services Ltd, 1987-89. Ed Framlingham Coll, Suffolk; Writtle Agricultural Coll, Essex.

CANNOCK CHASE
Lab hold

Electorate 72,362 (70,749)		%Votes
+Wright, A W (Lab)	28,705	54.82
Backhouse, J (C)	14,227	27.17
Kirby, R (LD)	4,537	8.66
Froggatt, P (Ref)	1,663	3.18
Hurley, W (N Lab)	1,615	3.08
Conroy, M (Soc Lab)	1,120	2.14
Hartshorn, M (Loony)	499	0.95
Lab Majority	**14,478**	**27.65**

Total Vote 52,366 Turnout 72.37%
Swing C to Lab 8.41

1992: Total Vote 59,715 (84.40%) - Lab 29,259 (49.00%); C 22,790 (38.16%); LD 7,283 (12.20%); Other 383 (0.64%); Lab Maj 6,469 (10.83%).

Dr Tony Wright, b March 11, 1948. Univ lecturer/reader in politics. Gained Cannock and Burntwood for Lab 1992; contested Kidderminster 1979. Member, select cttees on Parly Commissioner for Administration, 1992-96; public service 1995-97. Joint editor, Political Quarterly, 1994- (honorarium only); unpaid dir, Political Quarterly Publishing Co. Former exec member, Fabian Soc. Chair, S Birmingham CHC, 1983-85. Ed Kettering GS; LSE; Harvard; Balliol Coll, Oxford.

CANTERBURY
C hold

Electorate 74,548 (72,680)		%Votes
+Brazier, J (C)	20,913	38.65
Hall, C (Lab)	16,949	31.32
Vye, M (LD)	12,854	23.76
Osborne, J (Ref)	2,460	4.55
Meaden, G (Green)	588	1.09
Moore, J (UK Ind)	281	0.52
Pringle, A (NLP)	64	0.12
C Majority	**3,964**	**7.33**

Total Vote 54,109 Turnout 72.58%
Swing C to Lab 13.86

1992: Total Vote 58,131 (77.23%) - C 28,290 (50.40%); LD 18,293 (32.59%); Lab 8,635 (15.38%); Grn 719 (1.28%); NLP 194 (0.35%); C Maj 9,997 (17.81%).

Julian Brazier, b July 24, 1953. Elected 1987. Contested Berwick-upon-Tweed 1983. PPS to Gillian Shephard in her ministerial posts from 1990; vice-chair, all-party council of church and associated colleges party group, 1994-; vice-chair, C backbench defence cttee, 1993-. Chair, 1974, and former treas, Oxford Univ C assoc. Was serving officer in 5(HSF) Co, 10th Battalion, Parachute Regt. Ex-project manager with H.B. Maynard, international management consultants; former sec, exec cttee, board of Charter Consolidated plc. Member, Bow Group; Centre for Policy Studies. Ed Wellington Coll, Berkshire; Brasenose Coll, Oxford.

CARLISLE
Lab hold

Electorate 59,917 (61,008)		%Votes
+Martlew, E (Lab)	25,031	57.40
Lawrence, R (C)	12,641	28.99
Mayho, C (LD)	4,576	10.49
Fraser, A (Ref)	1,233	2.83
Stevens, W (NLP)	126	0.29
Lab Majority	**12,390**	**28.41**

Total Vote 43,607 Turnout 72.78%
Swing C to Lab 12.20

1992: Total Vote 47,875 (78.47%) - Lab 21,667 (45.26%); C 19,746 (41.24%); LD 6,232 (13.02%); NLP 230 (0.48%); Lab Maj 1,921 (4.01%).

Eric Martlew. b Jan 3, 1949. Elected 1987. Lab whip 1995; spokesman on defence, 1992-95. Member, agriculture select ctte 1987-92. Ex-chair, Northern group of Lab MPs; vice-chair, PLP, agriculture cttee, 1987-92. Joint chair, all-party West Coast main line party group. Chair, Carlisle CLP, 1980-85; Cumbria cllr, 1973-88 (chair 1983-85); Carlisle city cllr 1972-74. With Nestlé Co Ltd 1966-87, rising to personnel manager, Dalston factory, Carlisle. Former unpaid dir, Inward, promotion organisation for NW England. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Harraby Sec, Carlisle; Carlisle Tech Coll.

CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON
LD gain from C

Electorate 66,038 (65,188)		%Votes
Brake, T (LD)	18,490	38.18
*Forman, N (C)	16,223	33.50
Theobald, A (Lab)	11,565	23.88
Storey, J (Ref)	1,289	2.66
Hickson, P (Green)	377	0.78
Ritchie, G (BNP)	261	0.54
Povey, L (UK Ind)	218	0.45
LD Majority	**2,267**	**4.68**

Total Vote 48,423 Turnout 73.33%
Swing C to LD 11.76

1992: Total Vote 52,756 (80.93%) - C 26,243 (49.74%); LD 16,300 (30.90%); Lab 9,333 (17.69%); Grn 614 (1.16%); Loony G 266 (0.50%); C Maj 9,943 (18.85%).

Thomas Brake, b May 6, 1962. Computer software consultant. Contested this seat 1992. Hackney cllr 1988-90, Sutton cllr 1994-. Ed Lycée International, France; Imperial Coll, London.

CASTLE POINT
Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,146 (67,371)		%Votes
Butler, C (Lab)	20,605	42.42
*Spink, R (C)	19,489	40.12
Baker, D (LD)	4,477	9.22
Maulkin, H (Ref)	2,700	5.56
Kendall, L (Consult)	1,301	2.68
Lab Majority	**1,116**	**2.30**

Total Vote 48,572 Turnout 72.34%
Swing C to Lab 16.94

1992: Total Vote 53,279 (79.08%) - C 29,629 (55.61%); Lab 12,799 (24.02%); LD 10,208 (19.16%); Grn 643 (1.21%); C Maj 16,830 (31.59%).

Ms Christine Butler, b Dec 14, 1943. Ex-research assistant in pharmaceutical industry and NHS. Chair, Essex Co-op Development Agency. Member, Fabian Soc; Greenpeace. Ed state primary and grammar schools; Middlesex Poly.

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"Remember there was no mention of sunshine in the Labour manifesto"

CHARNWOOD
C hold

Electorate 72,692 (71,672)		%Votes
+Dorrell, S J (C)	26,110	46.48
Knaggs, D J (Lab)	20,210	35.98
Wilson, R (LD)	7,224	12.86
Meechan, H (Ref)	2,104	3.75
Palmer, M (BNP)	525	0.93
C Majority	**5,900**	**10.50**

Total Vote 56,173 Turnout 77.28%
Swing C to Lab 14.23

1992: Total Vote 57,997 (80.92%) - C 35,126 (60.57%); Lab 12,526 (21.60%); LD 10,345 (17.84%); C Maj 22,600 (38.97%).

Stephen Dorrell, b March 25, 1952. Director of family industrial clothing company 1975-87. Elected MP for Loughborough 1979; contested Hull E Oct. 1974. Secretary of State for Health 1995-97; National Heritage Sec 1994; Financial Sec, Treasury, 1992-94; Under Sec for Health 1990-92; govt whip 1988-90; asst gvt whip 1987-88; PPS to Energy Sec 1983-87. Member, transport select cttee, 1979-83. Member, board of Christian Aid 1985-87. Ed Uppingham; Brasenose Coll, Oxford.

CHATHAM & AYLESFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,172 (69,821)		%Votes
Shaw, J (Lab)	21,191	43.11
Knox-Johnston, R (C)	18,401	37.43
Murray, R (LD)	7,389	15.03
Riddle, K (Ref)	1,538	3.13
Harding, A (UK Ind)	493	1.00
Martel, T (NLP)	149	0.30
Lab Majority	**2,790**	**5.68**

Total Vote 49,161 Turnout 71.07%
Swing C to Lab 15.10

1992: Total Vote 54,733 (78.39%) - C 28,056 (51.26%); Lab 14,633 (26.74%); LD 11,643 (21.27%); Other 401 (0.73%); C Maj 13,423 (24.52%).

Jonathan Shaw, b June 3, 1966. Social worker. Rochester cllr. Ex-Unison steward. Ed Vintners Boys School, Maidstone; West Kent Coll of FE; Bromley Coll of FHE.

CHEADLE
C hold

Electorate 67,627 (68,769)		%Votes
+Day, S (C)	22,944	43.73
Calton, P (LD)	19,755	37.66
Diggett, P (Lab)	8,253	15.73
Brook, P (Ref)	1,511	2.88
C Majority	**3,189**	**6.08**

Total Vote 52,463 Turnout 77.58%
Swing C to LD 11.00

1992: Total Vote 58,895 (82.71%) - C 32,804 (57.66%); LD 18,828 (29.58%); Lab 7,080 (12.44%); NLP 183 (0.32%); C Maj 15,976 (28.08%).

Stephen Day, b Oct 30, 1948. Sales executive. Elected 1987; contested Bradford W 1983. Member, social security select cttee, 1990; joint sec, C backbench health cttee, 1991-94; joint chair, parly advisory council for transport safety, 1989-; all-party West Coast main line party group; joint vice-chair, non-profitmaking clubs group; plumbing registration group; former joint sec, all-party Northern Cyprus group; member, exec cttee, CPA 1994-. Otley town cllr 1975-76 and 1979-83; Leeds city cllr 1975-80. Ed Otley Sec Mod; Park Lane Coll, Leeds; Leeds Poly.

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CHELMSFORD WEST
C hold

Electorate 76,086 (73,816)		%Votes
+Burns, S H M (C)	23,781	40.60
Bracken, M (LD)	17,090	29.18
Chad, R K (Lab)	15,436	26.35
Smith, T (Ref)	1,536	2.62
Rumens, G (Green)	411	0.70
Levin, M (UK Ind)	323	0.55
C Majority	**6,691**	**11.42**

Total Vote 58,577 Turnout 78.99%
Swing C to LD 7.23
1992: Total Vote 62,524 (84.86%) - C 34,284 (54.83%); LD 18,098 (28.95%); Lab 9,443 (15.10%); Other 699 (1.12%); C Maj 16,186 (25.88%).

Simon Burns, b Sept 6, 1952. Elected for Chelmsford 1987; contested Alyn and Deeside 1983. Under Sec of State for Health 1996-97; govt whip 1995-96; asst govt whip 1994-95; PPS to Min of Ag 1993-94, to Min of State for Employment, Education and Science and then Energy, 1990-93. Political adviser to Sally Oppenheim 1975-81. Member, policy exec, Inst of Directors, 1983-87; dir, What to Buy Ltd, 1981-83. Ed Christ the King, Accra, Ghana; Stamford School, Lincs; Worcester Coll, Oxford.

CHELTENHAM
LD hold

Electorate 67,950 (69,121)		%Votes
+Jones, N (LD)	24,877	49.45
Todman, J (C)	18,232	36.24
Leach, B (Lab)	5,100	10.14
Powell, A (Ref)	1,065	2.12
Hanks, K (Loony)	375	0.75
Cook, G (UK Ind)	302	0.60
Harris, A (ProLife)	245	0.49
Brighouse, S (NLP)	107	0.21
LD Majority	**6,645**	**13.21**

Total Vote 50,303 Turnout 74.03%
Swing C to LD 5.13
1992: Total Vote 55,996 (81.01%) - LD 26,508 (47.34%); C 24,861 (44.40%); Lab 3,769 (6.73%); AFE 573 (1.02%); NLP 146 (0.26%); Ind 139 (0.25%); LD Maj 1,647 (2.94%).

Nigel Jones, b March 30, 1948. Computer systems designer. Won this seat 1992; contested it 1979. LD spokesman on science and technology and consumer affairs; member, select cttees on standards and privileges 1995-97, broadcasting 1992-97. Joint vice-chair, all-party beer club party group; joint sec, animal welfare group. Gloucestershire cllr 1989-. Ed Prince Henry's GS, Evesham.

CHESHAM & AMERSHAM
C hold

Electorate 69,244 (68,602)		%Votes
+Gillan, C (C)	26,298	50.38
Brand, M (LD)	12,439	23.83
Farrelly, P (Lab)	10,240	19.62
Andrews, P (Ref)	2,528	4.84
Shilson, C (UK Ind)	618	1.18
Godfrey, H (NLP)	74	0.14
C Majority	**13,859**	**26.55**

Total Vote 52,197 Turnout 75.38%
Swing C to LD 6.17
1992: Total Vote 55,553 (80.98%) - C 35,207 (63.38%); LD 13,606 (24.49%); Lab 5,758 (10.36%); Grn 734 (1.32%); NLP 248 (0.45%); C Maj 21,601 (38.88%).

Mrs Cheryl Gillan, b April 21, 1952. Elected for this seat 1992; contested Greater Manchester Central 1989 Euro elections. Under Sec for Education and Employment 1995-97; PPS to Lord Cranborne, leader of House of Lords, 1994-95; member, select cttees on science and tech, 1992-95; procedure 1992-95. Former vice-chair, C backbench smaller businesses cttee; ex-joint sec, C trade and industry cttee; ex-joint vice-chair, all-party cricket party group; ex-joint sec, space cttee; chair, Bow Group, 1987-78. Dir, Kidsons Impey, 1991-93; senior marketing consultant, Ernst and Young, 1986-91. Freeman, City of London, 1991; liveryman, Marketors' Company, 1991. International and special events dir, British Film Year, 1984-86. Ed Cheltenham Ladies' Coll; Coll of Law.

CHESTER, CITY OF
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,730 (68,557)		%Votes
Russell, C (Lab)	29,806	52.98
+Brandreth, G (C)	19,253	34.22
Simpson, D (LD)	5,353	9.52
Mullen, R (Ref)	1,487	2.64
Sanderson, I (Loony)	204	0.36
Garrard, J (WCCC)	154	0.27
Lab Majority	**10,553**	**18.76**

Total Vote 56,257 Turnout 78.43%
Swing C to Lab 11.44
1992: Total Vote 57,323 (83.61%) - C 25,641 (44.73%); Lab 23,281 (40.61%); LD 7,806 (13.62%); Grn 486 (0.85%); NLP 107 (0.19%); C Maj 2,360 (4.12%).

Ms Christine Russell, b March 25, 1945. Chester cllr 1980-; Sheriff of Chester 1992-93. Librarian, co-ordinator of Chester and Ellesmere Port advocacy project set up by MIND. Member, Magistrates Assoc; founder, Chester economic forum; chair, annual Chester film festival. Ed Spalding HS; NW London Poly.

CHESTERFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 72,472 (73,420)		%Votes
*Benn, T (Lab)	26,105	50.80
Rogers, T (LD)	20,330	39.56
Potter, M (C)	4,752	9.25
Scarth, N (Ind OAP)	202	0.39
Lab Majority	**5,775**	**11.24**

Total Vote 51,389 Turnout 70.91%
Swing Lab to LD 0.11
1992: Total Vote 55,981 (76.25%) - Lab 26,461 (47.27%); LD 20,047 (35.81%); C 9,473 (16.92%); Lab Maj 6,414 (11.46%).

Tony Benn, b April 3, 1925. Diarist and journalist. Elected 1984 by-election. MP for Bristol SE 1950-60 and 1963-83. Energy Sec 1975-79; Industry Sec 1974-75; trade and industry chief spokesman 1970-74; Min of Tech 1966-70; Postmaster General 1964-66. Contested party leadership 1976, 1988; dep leadership 1971, 1981. Member, select cttee on privileges 1984-87 and 1989-95; Lab Party NEC, 1959-60 and 1962-93; pres, Campaign Group of Lab MPs, 1987-, and chair 1971-72. Succeeded father, Viscount Stansgate, in Nov 1960 but refused to take Lords seat; renounced seat under the Peerage Act 1963 and was re-elected Aug 1963. Ed Westminster; New College, Oxford.

CHICHESTER
C hold

Electorate 74,489 (75,835)		%Votes
Tyrie, A (C)	25,895	46.42
Gardiner, P (LD)	16,161	28.97
Smith, C (Lab)	9,605	17.22
Denny, D (Ref)	3,318	5.95
Rix, J (UK Ind)	800	1.43
C Majority	**9,734**	**17.45**

Total Vote 55,779 Turnout 74.28%
Swing C to LD 7.62
1992: Total Vote 58,989 (77.79%) - C 34,971 (59.28%); LD 15,690 (26.60%); Lab 6,703 (11.36%); Grn 810 (1.37%); Lib 596 (1.01%); NLP 219 (0.37%); C Maj 19,281 (32.69%).

Andrew Tyrie, b Jan 15, 1957. Senior economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Contested Houghton and Washington 1992. Adviser to Prime Minister 1990-92; special adviser to Chancellors (Nigel Lawson and John Major) 1986-90; head of economic team, C Research Dept, 1984-85. Ed Felsted School; Trinity Coll, Oxford; Wolfson Coll, Cambridge; Woodrow Wilson Scholar, Smithsonian Inst; Fellow, Nuffield Coll.

CHINGFORD & WOODFORD GREEN
C hold

Electorate 62,904 (63,603)		%Votes
+Duncan Smith, I (C)	21,109	47.49
Hutchinson, T (Lab)	15,395	34.64
Seeff, G (LD)	6,885	15.49
Gould, A (BNP)	1,059	2.38
C Majority	**5,714**	**12.86**

Total Vote 44,448 Turnout 70.68%
Swing C to Lab 13.81
1992: Total Vote 49,901 (78.45%) - C 30,656 (61.43%); Lab 10,455 (20.95%); LD 7,154 (14.34%); Other 1,636 (3.28%); C Maj 20,201 (40.48%).

Iain Duncan Smith, b April 9, 1954. Elected MP for Chingford 1992; contested Bradford W 1987. Member, select cttees on standards and privileges, 1995-97; health 1992-95; Commons administration cttee; joint vice-chair, C backbench European affairs cttee, 1995-97; joint sec, C backbench Foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee, 1992-97; C defence cttee 1994-95. Vice-chair, Fulham C assoc, 1991. Dir, Janes Information Group, part of Thomson International Corp, 1989-92; Bellwinch plc property company 1988-89; GEC/Marconi 1981-88. Scots Guards officer 1975-81. Trustee, Lygon Almshouses, sheltered housing, 1985-91. Ed HMS Conway (cadet school), Anglesey; Universita di Perugia, Italy; RMA Sandhurst; Dunchurch Coll of Management.

CHIPPING BARNET
C hold

Electorate 69,049 (69,176)		%Votes
+Chapman, Sir S (C)	21,317	43.01
Cooke, Geof (Lab)	20,282	40.92
Hooker, S (LD)	6,121	12.35
Ribekow, V (Ref)	1,190	2.40
Miskin, B (Loony)	253	0.51
Scallan, B (ProLife)	243	0.49
Dirksen, D (NLP)	159	0.32
C Majority	**1,035**	**2.09**

Total Vote 49,565 Turnout 71.78%
Swing C to Lab 14.12
1992: Total Vote 53,467 (77.29%) - C 30,241 (56.56%); Lab 14,028 (26.24%); LD 8,584 (16.07%); NLP 307 (0.57%); Fun 297 (0.56%); C Maj 16,213 (30.32%).

Sir Sydney Chapman, b Oct 17, 1935. Chartered architect, town and country planning consultant. Elected for this seat 1979; MP for Birmingham Handsworth 1970-Feb 1974. Contested Stalybridge and Hyde 1964. Gvt whip 1992-95 and 1990-92; asst gvt whip 1988-90. Member, Commons accommodation and works cttee; ecclesiastical cttee; select cttees on public service 1995-97; environment 1983-87; Commons services 1983-87; advisory cttee, Commons works of art, 1988-89. Vice-pres, RIBA, 1974-75; member of council 1972-77. Fellow, Incorporated Assoc of Architects and Surveyors; Hon Fellow, Faculty of Building; FRSA. Originator, National Tree Planting Year 1973. Pres, Arboricultural Assoc, 1983-89 (vice-pres 1973-83); London Green Belt Council 1985-89; vice-chair, Wildlife Link, 1985-89. Ed Rugby School; Manchester Univ.

CHORLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,387 (73,536)		%Votes
Hoyle, L (Lab)	30,607	53.04
+Dover, D (C)	20,737	35.94
Jones, S (LD)	4,900	8.49
Heaton, A (Ref)	1,319	2.29
Leadbetter, P (NLP)	143	0.25
Lab Majority	**9,870**	**17.10**

Total Vote 57,706 Turnout 77.58%
Swing C to Lab 10.63
1992: Total Vote 60,602 (82.41%) - C 27,752 (45.79%); Lab 25,228 (41.63%); LD 7,249 (11.96%); NLP 373 (0.62%); C Maj 2,524 (4.16%).

Lindsay Hoyle, b June 10, 1957. Businessman and director of printing company. Chorley borough cllr (dep council leader). Founder/dir, 1988, and chair, 1992-96 Chorley Rugby League Club.

CHRISTCHURCH
C hold

Electorate 71,488 (68,353)		%Votes
Chope, C R (C)	26,095	46.43
+Maddock, D (LD)	23,930	42.58
Mannan, C (Lab)	3,884	6.91
Spencer, R (Ref)	1,684	3.00
Dickinson, R (UK Ind)	606	1.08
C Majority	**2,165**	**3.85**

Total Vote 56,199 Turnout 78.61%
Swing C to LD 18.28
1992: Total Vote 55,248 (80.82%) - C 35,237 (63.78%); LD 12,913 (23.37%); Lab 6,678 (12.09%); NLP 243 (0.44%); CRA 175 (0.32%); C Maj 22,324 (40.41%).

Christopher Chope, b May 19, 1947. Barrister; consultant, Ernst & Young, since 1992. MP for Southampton Itchen 1983-92. Minister for Roads and Traffic (Under Sec for Transport) 1990-92; Under Sec for Environment 1986-90; PPS to Peter Brooke, Min of State, Treasury, 1985-86. Member, select cttee on procedure, 1984-86; joint sec, C environment cttee, 1983-86; ex-sec, C backbench shipping and shipbuilding sub-cttee. Member, Health and Safety Commission 1993-; Local Govt Commission for England 1994-. Wandsworth cllr 1974-83 (leader 1979-83). Exec cttee, Soc of C Lawyers 1983-86. Ed St Andrew's School, Eastbourne; Marlborough; St Andrews Univ.

CITIES OF LONDON & WESTMINSTER
C hold

Electorate 69,047 (65,613)		%Votes
+Brooke, P L (C)	18,981	47.27
Green, K (Lab)	14,100	35.11
Dumigan, M (LD)	4,933	12.28
Walters, Sir A (Ref)	1,161	2.89
Wharton, P (Barts)	266	0.66
Merton, C (UK Ind)	215	0.54
Johnson, R (NLP)	176	0.44
Walsh, N (Loony)	138	0.34
Webster, G (Hemp)	112	0.28
Sadowitz, J (Dream)	73	0.18
C Majority	**4,881**	**12.16**

Total Vote 40,155 Turnout 58.16%
Swing C to Lab 11.53
1992: Total Vote 43,008 (65.55%) - C 25,512 (59.32%); Lab 10,368 (24.11%); LD 6,077 (14.13%); Other 1,051 (2.44%); C Maj 15,144 (35.21%).

Peter Brooke, b March 3, 1934. Elected for City of London and Westminster South 1977 by-election; contested Bedwellty Oct 1974. National Heritage Sec 1992-94; N Ireland Sec 1989-92 (resigning after 1992 election and contesting Speakership); chair, C Party, 1987-89; Paymaster General 1987-89; Treasury Min 1985-87; Under Sec for Ed and Science 1983-85; gvt whip 1981-83; asst gvt whip 1979-81. Privy Counsellor 1988. Joint chair, all-party homelessness and housing needs party group, 1996-97. *Member of Lloyd's.* Chair, Building Societies Ombudsman Council; pres, British Antique Dealers' Assoc; trustee, Wordsworth Trust, 1976-; Handel House Trust; chair, Churches Conservation Trust, 1995-, Cusichaca Project 1978-, and Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation 1994-. Lay member, council, London Univ 1994-. Ed Marlborough; Balliol Coll, Oxford (pres of Union 1957); Harvard Business School (Commonwealth Fund Fellow).

CLEETHORPES
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,763 (68,355)		%Votes
McIsaac, S (Lab)	26,058	51.63
+Brown, M R (C)	16,882	33.45
Melton, K (LD)	5,746	11.38
Berry, J (Ref)	1,787	3.54
Lab Majority	**9,176**	**18.18**

Total Vote 50,473 Turnout 73.40%
Swing C to Lab 15.10
1992: Total Vote 53,335 (78.03%) - C 25,582 (47.96%); Lab 19,159 (35.94%); LD 7,833 (14.69%); Other 751 (1.41%); C Maj 6,413 (12.02%).

Ms Shona McIsaac, b April 3, 1960. Freelance journalist. Wandsworth cllr 1990- (dep Lab group leader, 1992-95). Qualified lifeguard at Tooting pool in mid-1980s. Ed SHAPE School, Belgium; Barbe Barton Sec Mod, Plymouth; Dameral HS, Plymouth; Durham Univ.

COLCHESTER
LD gain from C

Electorate 74,743 (73,347)		%Votes
Russell, R E (LD)	17,886	34.39
Shakespeare, S (C)	16,305	31.35
Green, R (Lab)	15,891	30.56
Hazell, J (Ref)	1,776	3.41
Basker, L (NLP)	148	0.28
LD Majority	**1,581**	**3.04**

Total Vote 52,006 Turnout 69.58%
Swing C to LD 6.19
1992: Total Vote 56,358 (76.83%) - C 23,692 (42.04%); LD 18,424 (32.69%); Lab 13,582 (24.10%); Other 658 (1.17%); C Maj 5,268 (9.35%).

Bob Russell, b March 31, 1946. Contested Sudbury and Woodbridge, Oct 1974, and Colchester 1979 for Lab. Colchester borough cllr 1971- (leader 1987-91; ex-Mayor). Ex-press officer to Essex Univ and GPO telecommunications.

COLNE VALLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 73,338 (72,891)		%Votes
Mountford, K (Lab)	23,285	24.35
*Riddick, G (C)	18,445	19.29
Priestley, N (LD)	12,755	13.34
Brooke, A (Soc Lab)	759	0.79
Cooper, A (Green)	493	0.52
Nunn, J (UK Ind)	478	0.50
Staniforth, M (Loony)	196	0.20
Lab Majority	**4,840**	**5.06**

Total Vote 95,611 Turnout 130.37%
Swing C to Lab 8.65
1992: Total Vote 59,056 (81.02%) - C 24,804 (42.00%); Lab 17,579 (29.77%); LD 15,953 (27.01%); Grn 443 (0.75%); Loony 160 (0.27%); Ind 73 (0.12%); NLP 44 (0.07%); C Maj 7,225 (12.23%).

Ms Kali Mountford, b Jan 12, 1954. Ex-civil servant, Dept of Employment and Education. Sheffield city cllr.

CONGLETON
C hold

Electorate 68,873 (68,069)		%Votes
+Winterton, A (C)	22,012	41.21
Walmsley, J (LD)	15,882	29.73
Scholey, H (Lab)	14,714	27.54
Lockett, J (UK Ind)	811	1.52
C Majority	**6,130**	**11.48**

Total Vote 53,419 Turnout 77.56%
Swing C to LD 2.65
1992: Total Vote 55,721 (84.34%) - C 27,007 (48.47%); LD 17,657 (31.69%); Lab 10,684 (19.17%); NLP 373 (0.67%); C Maj 9,350 (16.78%).

Mrs Ann Winterton, b March 6, 1941. Elected for this seat 1983. Member, agric select cttee, 1987-97; Commons chairmen's panel, 1992-; unopposed Bills panel. Chair, all-party party Pro-Life group, 1992-; joint chair, breast cancer group; treas, party and scientific cttee. Member, W Midlands C women's advisory cttee, 1969-71. Joint Master, South Staffs Hunt, 1959-64. Ed Erdington GS for Girls. Wife of Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield.

COPELAND
Lab hold

Electorate 54,263 (55,548)		%Votes
*Cunningham, J (Lab)	24,025	34.73
Cumpsty, A (C)	12,081	17.47
Putnam, R (LD)	3,814	5.51
Johnston, C (Ref)	1,036	1.50
Hanratty, G (ProLife)	389	0.56
Lab Majority	**11,944**	**17.27**

Total Vote 69,169 Turnout 127.47%
Swing C to Lab 5.98
1992: Total Vote 45,873 (82.59%) - Lab 22,328 (48.67%); C 19,889 (43.36%); LD 3,508 (7.65%); NLP 148 (0.32%); Lab Maj 2,439 (5.32%).

Dr Jack Cunningham, b Aug 4, 1939. MP for Copeland since 1983, for Whitehaven 1970-83. Shadow Heritage Sec 1995-97; Shadow Trade and Industry Sec 1994-95; chief spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs 1992-94; Shadow Leader of Commons and Lab campaigns co-ordinator 1989-92. Ex-member, select cttee on privileges, broadcasting select cttee and Commons services cttee, 1989-91; chief environment spokesman 1983-89; industry spokesman 1979-83; Energy Under Sec 1976-79. Joint vice-chair, party American group. PPS to James Callaghan 1974-76. Chester-le-street district cllr 1969-74. Adviser to Albright and Wilson (UK) Ltd, Hays Chemicals, Centurion Press Ltd. Pres, Industry Forum, 1000 Club (both unpaid). Full-time officer GMWU 1969-70. Ed Jarrow GS; Bede Coll, Durham Univ.

CORBY
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 69,252 (69,187)		%Votes
Hope, P (Lab Co-op)	29,888	55.39
*Powell, W (C)	18,028	33.41
Hankinson, I (LD)	4,045	7.50
Riley-Smith, S (Ref)	1,356	2.51
Gillman, I (UK Ind)	507	0.94
Bence, J (NLP)	133	0.25
Lab Co-op Majority	**11,860**	**21.98**

Total Vote 53,957 Turnout 77.91%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 56,640 (81.87%) - C 25,203 (44.50%); Lab 24,861 (43.89%); LD 5,792 (10.23%); Lib 784 (1.38%); C Maj 342 (0.60%).

Philip Hope, b April 19, 1955. Contested Kettering 1992. Kettering borough cllr 1983-87 (dep group leader 1986-87); Northants county cllr 1993-. Management and community work consultant and youth policy adviser; teacher; director of publishing co-operative. Member, Co-op Party; MSF.

CORNWALL NORTH
LD hold

Electorate 80,076 (76,804)		%Votes
*Tyler, P (LD)	31,186	53.24
Linacre, N (C)	17,253	29.45
Lindo, A (Lab)	5,523	9.43
Odam, F (Ref)	3,636	6.21
Bolitho, J (Meb Ker)	645	1.10
Winfield, R (Lib)	186	0.32
Cresswell, N (NLP)	152	0.26
LD Majority	**13,933**	**23.78**

Total Vote 58,581 Turnout 73.16%
Swing C to LD 10.36
1992: Total Vote 62,640 (81.56%) - LD 29,696 (47.41%); C 27,775 (44.34%); Lab 4,103 (6.55%); Lib 678 (1.08%); Ind 276 (0.44%); NLP 112 (0.18%); LD Maj 1,921 (3.07%).

Paul Tyler, b Oct 29, 1941. PR and environmental campaign consultant. Won this seat for LDs in 1992. Lib MP for Bodmin, Feb to Oct 1974, contesting that seat 1979 and 1970, Beaconsfield by-election 1982, Totnes 1966, and Cornwall and Plymouth in 1989 Euro elections. LD spokesman on agric and rural affairs, 1992-. Member, procedure select cttee, 1992-97; chair, all-party coastal party group, 1993-; vice-chair, Brake (safe commercial transport) group; joint sec, water group, 1993-; treas, tourism cttee, 1993-. Chair, Lib Party, 1983-86. Devon county cllr 1964-70. Director and now non-exec dir, Western Approaches Public Relations Ltd, 1987-, company not now trading; managing dir, Cornwall Courier Newspapers, 1976-81; dir, Good Relations plc, 1985-88, and senior consultant, Good Relations Ltd, 1987-92. With RIBA 1966-72.

CORNWALL SOUTH EAST
LD gain from C

Electorate 75,825 (73,930)		%Votes
Breed, C (LD)	27,044	47.09
Lightfoot, W (C)	20,564	35.81
Kirk, D (Lab)	7,358	12.81
Wonnacott, J (UK Ind)	1,428	2.49
Dunbar, P (Meb Ker)	573	1.00
Weights, W (Lib)	268	0.47
Hartley, M (NLP)	197	0.34
LD Majority	**6,480**	**11.28**

Total Vote 57,432 Turnout 75.74%
Swing C to LD 12.06
1992: Total Vote 59,988 (81.14%) - C 30,565 (50.95%); LD 22,861 (38.11%); Lab 5,536 (9.23%); Lib 644 (1.07%); Anti-Fed 227 (0.38%); NLP 155 (0.26%); C Maj 7,704 (12.84%).

Colin Breed, b May 4, 1947. Company director. Saltash councillor 1982-; Mayor of Saltash 1989-90 and 1995-96. Dir, Gemini Abrasives Ltd; Wesley Housing & Benevolent Trust Ltd. Ex-bank manager. Methodist lay preacher. Ed Torquay GS.

COTSWOLD
C hold

Electorate 67,333 (63,555)		%Votes
+Clifton-Brown, G R (C)	23,698	46.36
Gayler, D (LD)	11,733	22.95
Elwell, D (Lab)	11,608	22.71
Lowe, R (Ref)	3,393	6.64
Michael, V (Green)	560	1.10
Brighouse, H (NLP)	129	0.25
C Majority	**11,965**	**23.41**

Total Vote 51,121 Turnout 75.92%
Swing LD to C 1.19
1992: Total Vote 52,394 (82.44%) - C 28,498 (54.39%); LD 17,479 (33.36%); Lab 5,697 (10.87%); Other 722 (1.38%); C Maj 11,017 (21.03%).

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, b March 23, 1953. Chartered surveyor and farmer. MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1992-97. PPS to Douglas Hogg, Min of Ag, Fish and Food, 1995-97; member, environment select cttee, 1992-; sec, C backbench European affairs cttee, 1992-95; joint vice-chair, all-party Future of Europe party group; chair, population, reproductive health and development group, 1995-. Chair, North Norfolk C assoc, 1986-90, and vice-chair, 1984-86. Vice-chair, Charities Property Assoc, 1993-; Small Business Bureau 1995-; Euro Atlantic Group, 1996. Freeman, City of London; Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Farmers. Ed Tormore School, Upper Deal, Kent; Eton; Royal Agricultural Coll, Cirencester.

COVENTRY NORTH EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 74,274 (77,680)		%Votes
+Ainsworth, R W (Lab)	31,856	66.25
Burnett, M (C)	9,287	19.31
Sewards, G (LD)	3,866	8.04
Brown, N (Lib)	1,181	2.46
Hurrell, R (Ref)	1,125	2.34
Khamis, H (Soc Lab)	597	1.24
Sidwell, C (Dream)	173	0.36
Lab Majority	**22,569**	**46.94**

Total Vote 48,085 Turnout 64.74%
Swing C to Lab 12.66
1992: Total Vote 56,581 (72.84%) - Lab 28,083 (49.63%); C 15,854 (28.02%); Ind Lab 6,696 (11.83%); LD 5,948 (10.51%); Lab Maj 12,229 (21.61%).

Bob Ainsworth, b June 19, 1952. Ex-Jaguar worker and shop steward. Elected 1992. Lab whip 1995-. Member, environment select cttee, 1993-95. Ex-joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee; joint vice-chair, all-party European secure vehicle alliance party group; vice-chair, W Midlands group of Lab MPs, 1995-; former sec, PLP trade and industry cttee; sec, chess group. Chair, Coventry NE CLP, 1987-92. Coventry city cllr 1984-93 (dep leader 1988-90).

COVENTRY NORTH WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 76,439 (79,194)		%Votes
+Robinson, G (Lab)	30,901	56.88
Bartlett, P (C)	14,300	26.32
Penlington, N (LD)	5,690	10.47
Butler, D (Ref)	1,269	2.34
Spencer, D (Soc Lab)	940	1.73
Wheway, R (Lib)	687	1.26
Mills, P (ProLife)	359	0.66
Francis, L (Dream)	176	0.32
Lab Majority	**16,601**	**30.56**

Total Vote 54,322 Turnout 71.07%
Swing C to Lab 8.14
1992: Total Vote 60,660 (76.60%) - Lab 31,083 (51.24%); C 22,425 (36.97%); LD 7,152 (11.79%); Lab Maj 8,658 (14.27%).

Geoffrey Robinson, b May 25, 1938. Won by-election 1976. Lab frontbench team on trade and industry, 1983-87, with responsibilities for industry and regional affairs; spokesman on science 1982-83. Member, select cttee on trade and industry, 1983-84. Non-exec chair, TransTec plc, specialised engineers, 1986-. Financial controller, British Leyland, 1971-72; managing dir, Leyland Innocenti, Italy, 1972-73; chief exec, Jaguar Cars, Coventry, 1973-75; chief exec (unpaid), Triumph Motorcycles (Meriden) Ltd (a workers' co-operative), 1977-80, dir 1980-82. Ed Emanuel Sch; Cambridge Univ; Yale.

COVENTRY SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,826 (73,575)		%Votes
+Cunningham, J D (Lab)	25,511	50.90
Ivey, P (C)	14,558	29.04
MacDonald, G (LD)	4,617	9.21
Nellist, D (Soc)	3,262	6.51
Garratt, P (Ref)	943	1.88
Jenking, R (Lib)	725	1.45
Astbury, J (BNP)	328	0.65
Bradshaw, A (Dream)	180	0.36
Lab Majority	**10,953**	**21.85**

Total Vote 50,124 Turnout 69.79%
Swing C to Lab 13.48
1992: Total Vote 56,933 (77.38%) - C 22,674 (39.83%); Lab 19,770 (34.73%); Other 9,229 (16.21%); LD 5,260 (9.24%); C Maj 2,904 (5.10%).

Jim Cunningham, b Feb 4, 1941. Engineer. MP for Coventry SE 1992-97. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1992-97; joint vice-chair, all-party building societies group, 1996-; sec, 1995-, and former joint vice-chair, PLP Treasury cttee. Coventry city cllr 1972-92 (leader 1988-92). Member, MSF (shop steward and senior from 1972). Ed St Columbia HS, Coatbridge.

CRAWLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,040 (66,707)		%Votes
Moffatt, L (Lab)	27,750	55.04
Crabb, J (C)	16,043	31.82
de Souza, H (LD)	4,141	8.21
Walters, R (Ref)	1,931	3.83
Saunders, E (UK Ind)	322	0.64
Kahn, A (JP)	230	0.46
Lab Majority	**11,707**	**23.22**

Total Vote 50,417 Turnout 73.03%
Swing C to Lab 13.44
1992: Total Vote 51,723 (77.54%) - C 22,738 (43.96%); Lab 20,848 (40.31%); LD 7,492 (14.48%); Grn 645 (1.25%); C Maj 1,890 (3.65%).

Mrs Laura Moffatt, b April 9, 1954. Nurse. Contested this seat 1992. Crawley borough cllr 1984- (Mayor of Crawley 1990-91). Hon vice-pres, Assoc of Port Health Authorities; pres, Crawley Access group. Ed Hazelwick Comp, Crawley; Crawley Coll.

CREWE & NANTWICH
Lab hold

Electorate 68,694 (68,307)		%Votes
+Dunwoody, G (Lab)	29,460	58.22
Loveridge, M (C)	13,662	27.00
Cannon, D (LD)	5,940	11.74
Astbury, P (Ref)	1,543	3.05
Lab Majority	**15,798**	**31.22**

Total Vote 50,605 Turnout 73.67%
Swing C to Lab 11.26
1992: Total Vote 55,943 (81.90%) - Lab 26,622 (47.59%); C 21,751 (38.88%); LD 6,991 (12.50%); Grn 579 (1.03%); Lab Maj 4,871 (8.71%).

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, b Dec 12, 1930. Elected 1983; MP for Crewe, Feb 1974-83; Exeter 1966-70; contested that seat 1964. MEP, 1975-79. Member, transport select cttee, 1987-97; Commons chairmen's panel 1992-; chief Lab spokesman on transport 1984-85, and spokesman on health 1980-83. Member, Shadow Cabinet, 1983-85; Lab Party NEC, 1981-88. Parly Sec, Board of Trade, 1967-70. Parly campaign co-ordinator 1983-84. Joint chair, all-party Brake party group (safe commercial transport); chair, Anglo-Belize group. Pres, Socialist International Women, 1986-92. Party and public affairs consultant to St Davids Care in the Community, W Wales, school for mentally handicapped.

CROSBY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 57,190 (58,877)		%Votes
Curtis-Tansley, C (Lab)	22,549	51.08
+Thornton, Sir M (C)	15,367	34.81
McVey, P (LD)	5,080	11.51
Gauld, J (Ref)	813	1.84
Marks, J (Lib)	233	0.53
Hite, W (NLP)	99	0.22
Lab Majority	**7,182**	**16.27**

Total Vote 44,141 Turnout 77.18%
Swing C to Lab 18.15
1992: Total Vote 47,862 (81.29%) - C 23,329 (48.74%); Lab 13,738 (28.70%); LD 9,556 (19.97%); Lib 732 (1.53%); Grn 399 (0.83%); NLP 106 (0.22%); C Maj 9,591 (20.04%).

Ms Clare Curtis-Tansley, b April 30, 1958. Engineering consultant; previously head of strategic planning, Birmingham City Council; head of environmental affairs, Shell Chemicals; head of Distribution UK Ltd, Shell Chemicals. Chair and founder of two educational trusts to promote science and engineering. Member, TGWU; Co-op Party; Fabian Soc; Labour Women's Network; Soroptimist International. Ed University Coll, Cardiff; Aston Univ.

CROYDON CENTRAL
Lab gain from C

Electorate 80,152 (81,757)		%Votes
Davies, G (Lab)	25,432	45.58
Congdon, D L (C)	21,535	38.59
Schlich, G (LD)	6,061	10.86
Cook, C (Ref)	1,886	3.38
Bamsley, M (Green)	595	1.07
Woollcott, J (UK Ind)	290	0.52
Lab Majority	**3,897**	**6.98**

Total Vote 55,799 Turnout 69.52%
Swing C to Lab 15.48
1992: Total Vote 61,153 (74.80%) - C 33,940 (55.50%); Lab 19,279 (31.53%); LD 7,934 (12.97%); C Maj 14,661 (23.97%).

Geraint Davies, b May 3, 1960. Contested this seat 1992, and Croydon S 1987. Croydon cllr 1986-. Managing dir, Pure Crete (specialist travel co) and business consultant; previously marketing manager, Colgate Palmolive Ltd. Member, MSF. Ed Llanishen Comp, Cardiff; Jesus Coll, Oxford.

CROYDON NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 77,063 (80,076)		%Votes
+Wicks, M H (Lab)	32,672	62.16
Martin, I (C)	14,274	27.16
Morris, M (LD)	4,066	7.74
Bells, R (Ref)	1,155	2.20
Felsenberger, J (UK Ind)	396	0.75
Lab Majority	**18,398**	**35.00**

Total Vote 52,563 Turnout 68.21%
Swing C to Lab 17.64
1992: Total Vote 57,907 (72.32%) - C 25,865 (44.67%); Lab 25,702 (44.38%); LD 6,340 (10.95%); C Maj 163 (0.28%).

Malcolm Wicks, b July 1, 1947. Won Croydon NW for Lab 1992; contested it 1987. Lab spokesman on social security, 1995-; member, social security select cttee, 1992-95; sec, PLP social security cttee, 1994-95. Dir, Family Policy Studies Centre, 1983-92. Member, Family Policy Observatory, Euro Commission, 1987-92; chair, Winter Action on Cold Homes 1986-92. Worked in Home Office urban deprivation unit 1974-77; research dir and sec, study commission on the family, 1978-83. Trustee, Nat Energy Foundation, 1987-. Member, TGWU. Ed Elizabeth Coll, Guernsey; NW London Poly; LSE.

CROYDON SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 73,787 (74,777)		%Votes
+Ottaway, R (C)	25,649	47.32
Burling, C (Lab)	13,719	25.31
Gauge, S (LD)	11,441	21.11
Barber, A (Ref)	2,631	4.85
Ferguson, P (BNP)	354	0.65
Harker, A (UK Ind)	309	0.57
Samuel, M (Choice)	96	0.18
C Majority	**11,930**	**22.01**

Total Vote 54,199 Turnout 73.45%
Swing C to Lab 11.66
1992: Total Vote 58,291 (77.95%) - C 35,937 (61.65%); LD 12,599 (21.61%); Lab 9,513 (16.32%); Choice 242 (0.42%); C Maj 23,338 (40.04%).

Richard Ottaway, b May 24, 1945. Elected for this seat 1992; MP for Nottingham N 1983-87. Govt whip 1996, asst govt whip 1995-96; member, procedure select cttee, 1996-97. PPS to Michael Heseltine when Dep Prime Minister and Pres of Board of Trade, 1992-95. Chair, all-party population, reproductive health and development party group, 1992-. PPS to Mins of State, FCO, 1985-87. Specialist in international, maritime and commercial law and partner in Wm A. Crump & Son, solicitors, 1981-87. Dir, Coastal Europe Ltd, 1990-95; ex-dir, Coastal States Holdings (UK) Ltd. Served in RN 1961-69; RNR 1970-80. Ed Backwell Sec Mod School, Somerset; RNC Dartmouth; Bristol Univ.

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DAGENHAM
Lab hold

Electorate 58,573 (62,395)		%Votes
+Church, J (Lab)	23,759	65.70
Fairrie, J (C)	6,705	18.54
Dobrashian, T (LD)	2,704	7.48
Kraft, S (Ref)	1,411	3.90
Binding, W (BNP)	900	2.49
Dawson, R (Ind)	349	0.97
Hipperson, M (Nat Dem)	183	0.51
Goble, K (ProLife)	152	0.42
Lab Majority	**17,054**	**47.16**

Total Vote 36,163 Turnout 61.74%
Swing C to Lab 16.18
1992: Total Vote 43,543 (69.79%) - Lab 22,499 (51.67%); C 16,052 (36.86%); LD 4,992 (11.46%); Lab Maj 6,447 (14.81%).

Mrs Judith Church, b Sept 19, 1953. Elected 1994 by-election; contested Stevenage 1992 and 1989. Member, deregulation select cttee, 1995-97; vice-chair, all-party occupational safety & health group, 1996-; sec, all-party constitutional and party affairs group, 1996-; all-party landmine eradication group, 1996-. Member, Lab Party NEC, 1992-94. Chair, Hornsey and Woodgreen CLP, 1989-90. National health and safety officer with MSF, 1986-94; factory inspector, Health and Safety Exec, 1980-86. Party adviser to Assoc of First Division Civil Servants. Member of board and trustee, Inst of Public Policy Research, 1992-95; founding director, New Century Magazine (both unpaid). Ed St Bernard's GS, Slough; Leeds Univ; Huddersfield Poly; Aston Univ; Thames Valley Coll.

DARLINGTON
Lab hold

Electorate 65,140 (66,879)		%Votes
*Milburn, A (Lab)	29,658	61.57
Scrope, P (C)	13,633	28.30
Boxell, L (LD)	3,483	7.23
Blakey, M (Ref)	1,399	2.90
Lab Majority	**16,025**	**33.27**

Total Vote 48,173 Turnout 73.95%
Swing C to Lab 14.10
1992: Total Vote 55,255 (82.62%) - Lab 26,556 (48.06%); C 23,758 (43.00%); LD 4,586 (8.30%); BNP 355 (0.64%); Lab Maj 2,798 (5.06%).

Alan Milburn, b Jan 27, 1958. Won this seat 1992. Member, Lab Treasury team 1996-; health spokesman 1995-96. Member, Public Accounts Cttee, 1992-95; chair, PLP Treasury cttee, 1992-95; ex-chair, all-party alcohol misuse party group. Senior business development officer, N Tyneside MBC, 1990-92; co-ordinator, trade union studies information unit, Newcastle, 1984-90. Former exec member, Northern region Lab Party; chair, Newcastle Central CLP; NE regional pres of MSF. Ed Stokesley Comp; Lancaster Univ.

DARTFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,726 (68,319)		%Votes
Stoate, H (Lab)	25,278	48.61
+Dunn, R J (C)	20,950	40.29
Webb, D (LD)	4,827	9.28
McHale, P (BNP)	428	0.82
Homden, P (FDP)	287	0.55
Pollitt, J (Ch D)	228	0.44
Lab Majority	**4,328**	**8.32**

Total Vote 51,998 Turnout 74.57%
Swing C to Lab 11.50
1992: Total Vote 56,619 (82.87%) - C 28,796 (50.86%); Lab 20,482 (36.18%); LD 6,873 (12.14%); FDP 244 (0.43%); NLP 224 (0.40%); C Maj 8,314 (14.68%).

Howard Stoate, b April 14, 1954. General practitioner. Contested Dartford 1992 and Old Bexley and Sidcup 1987. Former vice-chair, Dartford CLP. Dartford borough cllr, member, nat exec cttee, Fabian Soc, chair, Dartford Fabian Soc, 1984-90. GP tutor at London Univ; chair, ethics cttee, Bexley HA. Member, South Thames Regional Graduate Medical Board; fellow and examiner, Royal Coll of GPs. Ed Kingston GS; King's Coll London.

DAVENTRY
C hold

Electorate 80,151 (75,148)		%Votes
+Boswell, T E (C)	28,615	46.34
Ritchie, K (Lab)	21,237	34.39
Gordon, J (LD)	9,233	14.95
Russocki, B (Ref)	2,018	3.27
Mahoney, B (UK Ind)	443	0.72
France, R (NLP)	204	0.33
C Majority	**7,378**	**11.95**

Total Vote 61,750 Turnout 77.04%
Swing C to Lab 10.96
1992: Total Vote 62,028 (82.54%) - C 35,842 (57.78%); Lab 14,831 (23.91%); LD 10,933 (17.63%); NLP 422 (0.68%); C Maj 21,011 (33.87%).

Tim Boswell, b Dec 2, 1942. Farmer. Elected 1987; contested Rugby Feb 1974. Parly Sec, Min of Agriculture, Fish and Food, 1995-97; Under Sec for Education 1992-95, with responsibility for further and higher ed. govt whip 1992; asst govt whip 1990-92. PPS to Peter Lilley, Financial Sec to Treasury, 1989-90. Member, agric select cttee, 1987-89; joint sec, C backbench agric, fish and food cttee, 1987-89, chair, all-party charity law review panel, 1986-90. Managed family farm business 1974-87, became self-employed partner; agricultural specialist, C Research Dept, 1966-70, and head of economic section, 1970-73. Ed Marlborough; New College, Oxford.

DENTON & REDDISH
Lab hold

Electorate 69,866 (70,758)		%Votes
+Bennett, A (Lab)	30,137	65.40
Nutt, B (C)	9,826	21.32
Donaldson, I (LD)	6,121	13.28
Lab Majority	**20,311**	**44.07**

Total Vote 46,084 Turnout 65.92%
Swing C to Lab 12.49
1992: Total Vote 53,171 (75.14%) - Lab 28,164 (52.97%); C 18,010 (33.87%); LD 5,298 (9.96%); Lib 1,336 (2.51%); NLP 363 (0.68%); Lab Maj 10,154 (19.10%).

Andrew Bennett, b March 9, 1939. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Stockport N, Feb 1974-83; contested Knutsford 1970. Chair, environment select cttee, 1992-97; member, select cttees on standing orders, 1992-96; social security 1991-92; sittings of Commons 1991-94; social services 1989-91 and 1979-83; Commons information cttee, 1991-; members' interests 1979-83; statutory instruments and joint select cttee (chairman), 1983-87 and 1992-). Vice-chair, PLP environmental protection cttee. Lab spokesman on education 1983-88. Ex-teacher. Oldham borough cllr 1964-74. Member, NUT. Ed Hulme GS. Manchester; Birmingham Univ.

DERBY NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 76,116 (73,400)		%Votes
Laxton, B (Lab)	29,844	53.16
*Knight, G (C)	19,229	34.25
Charlesworth, B (LD)	5,059	9.01
Reynolds, P (Ref)	1,816	3.23
Waters, J (ProLife)	195	0.35
Lab Majority	**10,615**	**18.91**

Total Vote 56,143 Turnout 73.76%
Swing C to Lab 13.23
1992: Total Vote 59,019 (80.41%) - C 28,574 (48.41%); Lab 24,121 (40.87%); LD 5,638 (9.55%); Grn 383 (0.65%); NF 245 (0.42%); NLP 58 (0.10%); C Maj 4,453 (7.55%).

Bob Laxton, b Sept 7, 1944. Telecoms engineer with BT. Contested this seat 1992. Derby city cllr 1979- (council leader, 1986-88 and 1994-). Chair, NCU E Midlands district council, 1984-87. Ed Allestree Woodlands Sec; Derby Coll of Art & Tech.

DERBY SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 76,386 (75,664)		%Votes
+Beckett, M (Lab)	29,154	56.26
Arain, J (C)	13,048	25.18
Beckett, J W R (LD)	7,438	14.35
Browne, J (Ref)	1,862	3.59
Evans, R (Nat Dem)	317	0.61
Lab Majority	**16,106**	**31.08**

Total Vote 51,819 Turnout 67.84%
Swing C to Lab 11.85
1992: Total Vote 57,222 (75.63%) - Lab 27,627 (48.28%); C 23,400 (40.89%); LD 6,195 (10.83%); Lab Maj 4,227 (7.39%).

Mrs Margaret Beckett, b Jan 15, 1943. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Lincoln, Oct 1974-79; contested the seat, Feb 1974. Shadow Trade and Industry Sec 1995-97; chief Lab spokesman on health 1994-95. Dep leader of Lab Party 1992-94, being Shadow Leader of Commons and chief campaign co-ordinator; acting leader of party in 1994 following death of John Smith. First elected to Shadow Cabinet 1989, being Shadow Chief Sec to Treasury until 1992; spokesman on health and social security 1984-89; re-elected to Shadow Cabinet Oct 1994. Privy Counsellor 1993. Member, Lab Party NEC, 1980-81, 1985-86 and 1988-94, when defeated in leader and deputy leader contests. Re-elected to Lab NEC at 1994 party conference. Under Sec of State for Ed and Science, 1976-79; asst gvt whip 1975-76. Principal researcher, Granada TV, 1979-83. Ed Notre Dame HS, Manchester and Norwich; Manchester Coll of Science and Tech; John Dalton Poly.

DERBYSHIRE NORTH EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 71,653 (71,177)		%Votes
*Barnes, H (Lab)	31,425	60.46
Elliott, S (C)	13,104	25.21
Hardy, S (LD)	7,450	14.33
Lab Majority	**18,321**	**35.25**

Total Vote 51,979 Turnout 72.54%
Swing C to Lab 12.32
1992: Total Vote 59,125 (83.07%) - Lab 28,860 (48.81%); C 22,590 (38.21%); LD 7,675 (12.98%); Lab Maj 6,270 (10.60%).

Harry Barnes, b July 22, 1936. Lecturer. Elected in 1987. Member, Euro legislation select cttee, 1989-97. Chair, PLP environmental protection cttee; former joint vice-chair, PLP N Ireland cttee; campaign officer, Central Region group of Lab MPs. Joint pres, New Consensus (Britain), 1992- (chair, 1990-92). Politics and industrial relations lecturer at Sheffield Univ 1966-87; previously lectured at North Notts Further Ed Coll. Ex-railway clerk. Member, MSF. Ed Easington Colliery primary and sec mod schools; Ryhope GS; Ruskin Coll, Oxford; Hull Univ.

DERBYSHIRE SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 76,672 (74,534)		%Votes
Todd, M (Lab)	32,709	54.54
+Currie, E (C)	18,742	31.25
Renold, R (LD)	5,408	9.02
North, R (Ref)	2,491	4.15
Crompton, I (UK Ind)	617	1.03
Lab Majority	**13,967**	**23.29**

Total Vote 59,967 Turnout 78.21%
Swing C to Lab 13.19
1992: Total Vote 63,229 (84.83%) - C 29,825 (47.17%); Lab 27,878 (44.09%); LD 5,235 (8.28%); NLP 291 (0.46%); C Maj 1,947 (3.08%).

Mark Todd, b Dec 29, 1954. Businessman. Contested this seat 1992. Cambridge city cllr 1980- (leader 1987-90). Former UK operations director of international publishers. Member, Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform; Co-op Party; Greenpeace; MSF. Ed Cambridge Univ. Started Cambridge rock music competition.

DERBYSHIRE WEST
C hold

Electorate 72,716 (70,158)		%Votes
+McLoughlin, P (C)	23,945	42.10
Clamp, S (Lab)	19,060	33.51
Seeley, C (LD)	9,940	17.47
Gouriet, J (Ref)	2,499	4.39
Meynell, G (Ind Green)	593	1.04
Price, H (UK Ind)	484	0.85
Delves, N (Loony)	281	0.49
Kyslun, M (Ind BB)	81	0.14
C Majority	**4,885**	**8.59**

Total Vote 56,883 Turnout 78.23%
Swing C to Lab 11.64
1992: Total Vote 58,932 (84.00%) - C 31,944 (54.20%); LD 13,824 (23.46%); *Lab 13,164 (22.34%); C Maj 18,120* (30.75%).

Patrick McLoughlin, b Nov 30, 1957. Ex-mineworker. Elected for this seat at 1986 by-election; contested Wolverhampton SE 1983. Gvt whip 1996-97; asst gvt whip 1995-96. Under Sec for Trade and Industry 1993-94; for Employment 1992-93; for Transport 1989-92. Member, select cttees on procedure, 1995-96; national heritage 1994-95; broadcasting 1994-95. PPS to Trade and Industry Sec 1988-89; Min of State for Ed and Science 1987-88. Sec, E Midlands group of C MPs, 1987-89; joint sec, C backbench environment cttee, 1986-87. Staffs county cllr 1981-87; Cannock Chase district cllr 1980-87. Nat vice-chair, YCs, 1982-84. Mineworker at Littleton Colliery 1979-85; marketing official, NCB, 1985-86. Ed Cardinal Griffin RC School, Cannock; Staffordshire Coll of Agriculture.

DEVIZES
C hold

Electorate 80,383 (75,555)		%Votes
+Ancram, M (C)	25,710	42.82
Vickers, A (LD)	15,928	26.53
Jeffrey, F (Lab)	14,551	24.24
Goldsmith, J (Ref)	3,021	5.03
Oram, S (UK Ind)	622	1.04
Haysom, S (NLP)	204	0.34
C Majority	**9,782**	**16.29**

Total Vote 60,036 Turnout 74.69%
Swing C to LD 2.11
1992: Total Vote 63,440 (83.97%) - C 33,603 (52.97%); LD 20,584 (32.45%); Lab 7,613 (12.00%); Lib 887 (1.40%); Grn 753 (1.19%); C Maj 13,019 (20.52%).

Michael Ancram, b July 7, 1945. Advocate. Elected to this seat 1992; MP for Edinburgh S 1979-87; MP for Berwick and East Lothian Feb to Oct 1974; fought W Lothian, 1970. Min of State for N Ireland 1994-97 with duties on the Ulster peace process negotiations; Under Sec for N Ireland 1993-94; Under Sec for Scotland 1983-87. Privy Counsellor 1995. Member, energy select cttee, 1979-83. Chair, Scottish C Party, 1980-83, and vice-chair 1975-80. *Member, board,* Scottish Homes, 1988-90. Ed Ampleforth; Christ Church, Oxford; Edinburgh Univ.

DEVON EAST
C hold

Electorate 69,094 (68,036)		%Votes
+Emery, Sir P (C)	22,797	43.38
Trethewey, R (LD)	15,308	29.13
Siantonas, A (Lab)	9,292	17.68
Dixon, W (Ref)	3,200	6.09
Halliwell, G (Lib)	1,363	2.59
Giffard, C (UK Ind)	459	0.87
Needs, G (Nat Dem)	131	0.25
C Majority	**7,489**	**14.25**

Total Vote 52,550 Turnout 76.06%
Swing C to LD 5.60
1992: Total Vote 54,995 (80.83%) - C 28,895 (52.54%); LD 14,902 (27.10%); Lab 6,685 (12.16%); Other 4,513 (8.21%); C Maj 13,993 (25.44%).

Sir Peter Emery, b Feb 27, 1926. MP for Honiton 1967-97, and for Reading 1959-66; contested Poplar 1951, and Lincoln 1955. Chair, select cttee on procedure, since 1983 (member since 1973); member, trade and industry select cttee, 1979-87. Under Sec for Energy 1974; Under Sec for Trade and Industry 1972-74. Chair, all-party asthma party group. Privy Counsellor 1993. Capt, Commons bridge team, 1984-. Chair, Winglaw Group, property developers; dir, London MoT Centre Ltd. Unpaid trustee, National Asthma Campaign. Member, advisory board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, 1990-; N Atlantic Assembly 1983-; delegate and treas, OSCE (formerly Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe), 1992-.

DEVON NORTH
LD hold

Electorate 70,350 (70,051)		%Votes
+Harvey, N (LD)	27,824	50.74
Ashworth, R (C)	21,643	39.47
Brenton, A (Lab)	5,367	9.79
LD Majority	**6,181**	**11.27**

Total Vote 54,834 Turnout 77.94%
Swing C to LD 4.95
1992: Total Vote 58,157 (83.02%) - LD 27,389 (47.09%); C 26,596 (45.73%); Lab 3,406 (5.86%); Grn 659 (1.13%); NLP 107 (0.18%); LD Maj 793 (1.36%).

Nick Harvey, b Aug 3, 1961. Won this seat 1992; contested Enfield Southgate for L/All 1987. LD spokesman on trade and industry 1994-; transport 1992-; chair, LD campaigns and communications, 1994-. Member, trade and industry select cttee, 1993-95. Ex-parliamentary lobbyist. Member, Lib Party Council, 1981-82 and 1984-88; London Lib Party exec, 1984-86; nat vice-chair, ULS, 1981-82. Ed Queen's Coll, Taunton; Middlesex Poly (union pres 1981-82).

DEVON SOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 69,293 (65,667)		%Votes
+Streeter, G N (C)	22,695	42.97
Mavin, C (Lab)	15,262	28.90
Baldry, K (LD)	12,542	23.75
Sadler, R (Ref)	1,668	3.16
King, H (UK Ind)	491	0.93
Hyde, J (NLP)	159	0.30
C Majority	**7,433**	**14.07**

Total Vote 52,817 Turnout 76.22%
Swing C to Lab 13.86
1992: Total Vote 53,421 (81.35%) - C 30,796 (57.65%); LD 13,666 (25.58%); Lab 8,470 (15.86%); Other 489 (0.92%); C Maj 17,130 (32.07%).

Gary Streeter, b Oct 2, 1955. Solicitor. MP for Plymouth Sutton 1992-97. Parly Sec, Lord Chancellor's Dept, 1996-97; asst gvt whip 1995-96; previously PPS to Sir Nicholas Lyell, Attorney-General, 1994-95, and to Sir Derek Spencer, Solicitor-General, 1993-95. Member, environment select cttee, 1992-93. Former sec, West Country group of C MPs. Plymouth city cllr 1986-92. Solicitor with Plymouth firm from 1980 and partner from 1984. Ed Tiverton GS; King's Coll London.

DEVON WEST & TORRIDGE
LD gain from C

Electorate 75,919 (74,364)		%Votes
Burnett, J (LD)	24,744	41.84
Liddell-Grainger, I (C)	22,787	38.53
Brenton, D (Lab)	7,319	12.37
Lea, R (Ref)	1,946	3.29
Jackson, M J (UK Ind)	1,841	3.11
Pithouse, M (Lib)	508	0.86
LD Majority	**1,957**	**3.31**

Total Vote 59,145 Turnout 77.91%
Swing C to LD 4.36
1992: Total Vote 60,395 (81.22%) - C 28,458 (47.12%); LD 25,187 (41.70%); Lab 5,748 (9.52%); Grn 868 (1.44%); NLP 134 (0.22%); C Maj 3,271 (5.42%).

John Burnett, b Sept 19, 1945. Farmer and cattle breeder. Contested this seat 1987. Member, council of Devon Cattle Breeders Soc. Ex-officer, Royal Marine Commandos. Served for 12 years on Law Soc's revenue law cttee. Ed Ampleforth Coll; Coll of Law, London.

DEWSBURY
Lab hold

Electorate 61,523 (61,210)		%Votes
+Taylor, A (Lab)	21,286	49.42
McCormick, P (C)	12,963	30.09
Hill, K (LD)	4,422	10.27
Taylor, F (BNP)	2,232	5.18
Goff, W (Ref)	1,019	2.37
Daniel, D (Ind Lab)	770	1.79
McCourtie, I (Green)	383	0.89
Lab Majority	**8,323**	**19.32**

Total Vote 43,075 Turnout 70.01%
Swing C to Lab 8.04
1992: Total Vote 49,043 (80.12%) - Lab 23,186 (47.28%); C 19,637 (40.04%); LD 4,835 (9.86%); BNP 718 (1.46%); Grn 511 (1.04%); NLP 156 (0.32%); Lab Maj 3,549 (7.24%).

Mrs Ann Taylor, b July 2, 1947. Elected 1987; MP for Bolton W, Oct 1974-83 before contesting Bolton NE; contested Bolton W, Feb 1974. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1990; Shadow Commons Leader, 1994-97; Shadow Education Sec 1992-94; spokesman on environmental protection 1990-92; in frontbench environment team from 1988 with task of opposing water privatisation; home affairs spokesman 1987-88. Asst gvt whip 1977-79. Member, standards and privileges select cttee, 1995-97; Lab spokesman on education 1979-81; *in Lab DoE team 1981-83.* Member, nat exec, Fabian Soc, 1990-.

DON VALLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 65,643 (65,391)		%Votes
Flint, C (Lab)	25,376	58.26
Gledhill, C H (C)	10,717	24.60
Johnston, P (LD)	4,238	9.73
Davis, P (Ref)	1,379	3.17
Ball, N (Soc Lab)	1,024	2.35
Platt, S (Green)	493	1.13
Johnson, C (ProLife)	330	0.76
Lab Majority	**14,659**	**33.65**

Total Vote 43,557 Turnout 66.35%
Swing C to Lab 9.91
1992: Total Vote 51,494 (78.75%) - Lab 26,046 (50.58%); C 18,927 (36.76%); LD 5,718 (11.10%); Grn 803 (1.56%); Lab Maj 7,119 (13.82%).

Ms Caroline Flint, b Sept 20, 1961. Senior researcher/political officer, GMB. Member, Working for Childcare (chair 1991-95); Fabian Soc. Associate editor Renewal; CWS.

DONCASTER CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 67,965 (69,188)		%Votes
Winterton, R (Lab)	26,961	62.06
Turtle, D (C)	9,105	20.96
Tarry, S (LD)	4,091	9.42
Cliff, M (Ref)	1,273	2.93
Kenny, M (Soc Lab)	854	1.97
Redden, J (ProLife)	697	1.60
Davies, P (UK Ind)	462	1.06
Lab Majority	**17,856**	**41.10**

Total Vote 43,443 Turnout 63.92%
Swing C to Lab 10.11
1992: Total Vote 51,149 (73.93%) - Lab 27,795 (54.34%); C 17,113 (33.46%); LD 6,057 (11.84%); WRP 184 (0.36%); Lab Maj 10,682 (20.88%).

Ms Rosie Winterton, b Aug 10, 1958. Chief of staff, office of John Prescott, dep leader of Lab Party. Member, TGWU; NUJ; Co-op Party; Amnesty. Ed Doncaster GS; Hull Univ.

DONCASTER NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 63,019 (63,972)		%Votes
+Hughes, K (Lab)	27,843	69.80
Kennerley, P (C)	5,906	14.81
Cook, M (LD)	3,369	8.45
Thornton, R (Ref)	1,589	3.98
Swan, M (AS Lab)	1,181	2.96
Lab Majority	**21,937**	**55.00**

Total Vote 39,888 Turnout 63.30%
Swing C to Lab 6.43
1992: Total Vote 45,425 (71.01%) - Lab 29,272 (64.44%); C 10,131 (22.30%); LD 6,022 (13.26%); Lab Maj 19,141 (42.14%).

Kevin Hughes, b Dec 15, 1952. Ex-miner. Elected for this seat 1992. Lab whip 1996-. Member, Euro legislation select cttee, 1992-96. Joint vice-chair, PLP health and personal social services cttee; sec, all-party personal social services party group. Doncaster borough cllr 1986-92.

DORSET MID & POOLE NORTH
C hold

Electorate 67,049 (64,833)		%Votes
Fraser, C J (C)	20,632	40.67
Leaman, A (LD)	19,951	39.33
Collis, D (Lab)	8,014	15.80
Nabarro, D (Ref)	2,136	4.21
C Majority	**681**	**1.34**

Total Vote 50,733 Turnout 75.67%
Swing C to LD 5.39
1992: Total Vote 49,903 (76.97%) - C 24,999 (50.10%); LD 18,945 (37.96%); Lab 5,959 (11.94%); C Maj 6,054 (12.13%).

Christopher Fraser, b June 17, 1962. Managing director and principal of marketing and communications company which he formed in 1985. Contested Peckham 1992. Three Rivers district cllr, SW Herts, 1992-96. Patron, Firm Link, Dorset, 1996-. Member, Chiltern open air museum advisory council; C Eastern area membership campaign team; IoD; Watford Scanner Appeal fundraising cttee. Fundraiser for La Verna House charity. Freeman, City of London.

DORSET NORTH
C hold

Electorate 68,923 (64,923)		%Votes
Walter, R (C)	23,294	44.30
Yates, P G (LD)	20,548	39.07
Fitzmaurice, J (Lab)	5,380	10.23
Evans, M (Ref)	2,564	4.88
Wheeler, Rev D (UK Ind)	801	1.52
C Majority	**2,746**	**5.22**

Total Vote 52,587 Turnout 76.30%
Swing C to LD 6.92
1992: Total Vote 52,834 (81.38%) - C 29,855 (56.51%); LD 19,784 (37.45%); Lab 3,195 (6.05%); C Maj 10,071 (19.06%).

Robert Walter, b May 3, 1948. Contested Bedwellty 1979. International banker; director and vice-pres, Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. Visiting lecturer in East-West trade, Westminster Univ. Vice-pres, C Group for Europe, chair 1992-95; ex-chair, European Democrat Forum; member, C Foreign and Commonwealth Council; founder chair, Wiltshire Europe Soc. Freeman of City of London. Ed Lord Weymouth School, Warminster; Aston Univ.

DORSET SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 66,318 (67,747)		%Votes
+Bruce, I (C)	17,755	26.52
Knight, J (Lab)	17,678	26.41
Plummer, M (LD)	9,936	14.84
McAndrew, P (Ref)	2,791	4.17
Shakesby, Capt M (UK Ind)	861	1.29
Napper, G (NLP)	161	0.24
C Majority	**77**	**0.12**

Total Vote 66,937 Turnout 100.93%
Swing C to Lab 14.98
1992: Total Vote 51,862 (76.55%) - C 26,405 (50.91%); LD 13,788 (26.59%); Lab 10,805 (20.83%); Ind 673 (1.30%); NLP 191 (0.37%); C Maj 12,617 (24.33%).

Ian Bruce, b March 14, 1947. Elected 1987; contested Burnley 1983; Yorkshire West in 1984 Euro elections. Member, select cttees on science and technology, 1995-97; employment 1990-92. Vice-chair, 1994-95, and sec, 1990-94, C backbench social security cttee, vice-chair, C employment cttee, 1994-; joint vice-chair, C ed cttee 1995-. *Joint chair, all-party street children party group,* 1993-. Joint sec, party and scientific cttee; sec, cable and satellite TV group; British-Finland group. Chair and founder, Ian Bruce Associates Ltd, group of employment agencies and management consultants, 1975-. Party adviser to Telecommunications Managers Assoc, 1989-; to Trevor Gilbert & Associates, personal injury employment advisers, 1993-; to Fed of Recruitment and Employment Services. Unpaid dir, Eurim Ltd, monitoring and collating Euro informatics market. Factory manager, Sinclair Electronics, 1974-75; factory and work study manager, BEPI (Pye), 1971-74. Ed Chelmsford Tech HS; Mid-Essex Tech Coll; Bradford Univ.

DORSET WEST
C hold

Electorate 70,369 (67,278)		%Votes
Letwin, O (C)	22,036	41.15
Legg, R (LD)	20,196	37.71
Bygraves, R (Lab)	9,491	17.72
Jenkins, P (UK Ind)	1,590	2.97
Griffiths, M (NLP)	239	0.45
C Majority	**1,840**	**3.44**

Total Vote 53,552 Turnout 76.10%
Swing C to LD 5.62
1992: Total Vote 54,603 (81.16%) - C 27,766 (50.85%); LD 19,755 (36.18%); Lab 7,082 (12.97%); C Maj 8,011 (14.67%).

Oliver Letwin, b May 19, 1956. Merchant banker, Cambridge don, financial adviser and journalist. Contested Hampstead and Highgate 1992; Hackney N 1987. Special adviser to Prime Minister's policy unit 1983-86; special adviser to Sec of State for Ed and Science 1982-83. Director and head of utilities and privatisation team and previously manager and asst director in corporate finance at N.M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd. Journalism includes leader page articles for Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph, occasional articles in The Times and Spectator; column in The Times Ed Supp. 1987-88; editor, Cambridge Review, 1978-81.

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ELECTION 97 RESULTS

DOVER
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,669 (69,646)		%Votes
Prosser, G (Lab)	29,535	54.49
+Shaw, D (C)	17,796	32.83
Comey, M (LD)	4,302	7.94
Anderson, S (Ref)	2,124	3.92
Hyde, C (UK Ind)	443	0.82
Lab Majority	**11,739**	**21.66**

Total Vote 54,200 Turnout 78.93%
Swing C to Lab 11.57

1992: Total Vote 57,682 (82.62%) - C 25,443 (44.11%); Lab 24,583 (42.62%); LD 6,234 (10.81%); Grn 638 (1.11%); Ind 407 (0.71%); Ind C 250 (0.43%); NLP 127 (0.22%); C Maj 860 (1.49%).

Gwyn Prosser, b April 27, 1943. Chartered marine engineer, ex-chief engineer on Sealink cross-Channel ferries. Contested this seat 1992. Exec cttee member, Dover CLP, vice-chair, Dover Central branch. Dover district cllr 1987-; Kent county cllr 1989-. Member, East Kent Initiative. Trustee, Kent Enterprise Office; dir, Aylesham Community Workshop Trust; trustee, Roman Painted House Trust and Crabble Cornmill Trust. Served on exec cttee, Nat Union of Marine and Shipping Transport Officers. Co-ordinator, local opposition groups against Channel Tunnel, 1985-87. Ed Dunvant Sec Mod School; Swansea Tech School; Swansea Coll of Tech.

DUDLEY NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 68,835 (70,484)		%Votes
Cranston, R (Lab)	24,471	51.19
MacNamara, C (C)	15,014	31.40
Lewis, G (LD)	3,939	8.24
Atherton, M (Soc Lab)	2,155	4.51
Bavester, S (Ref)	1,201	2.51
Cartwright, G (NF)	559	1.17
Darby, S (Nat Dem)	469	0.98
Lab Majority	**9,457**	**19.78**

Total Vote 47,808 Turnout 69.45%
Swing C to Lab 9.01

1992: Total Vote 54,344 (77.10%) - Lab 24,730 (45.51%); C 23,778 (43.75%); LD 5,273 (9.70%); Other 565 (1.04%); Lab Maj 954 (1.76%).

Ross Cranston, b July 23, 1948. Professor of Law, London School of Economics. Contested Richmond, Yorkshire, 1992. Ex-consultant overseas for UN, World Bank and Commonwealth Secretariat. Member, AUT. Ed Harvard; Oxford.

DUDLEY SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 66,731 (66,927)		%Votes
+Pearson, I P (Lab)	27,124	56.62
Simpson, M (C)	14,097	29.43
Burt, R (LD)	5,214	10.88
Birch, C (Ref)	1,467	3.06
Lab Majority	**13,027**	**27.20**

Total Vote 47,902 Turnout 71.78%
Swing C to Lab 11.03

1992: Total Vote 53,207 (79.50%) - Lab 25,025 (47.03%); C 22,296 (41.90%); LD 5,886 (11.06%); Lab Maj 2,729 (5.13%).

Ian Pearson, b April 5, 1959. Won Dudley W in 1994 by-election. Member, deregulation select cttee, 1996-97; Treasury select cttee 1996-97. Joint chief exec, W Midlands Enterprise Board, 1991-94; dep dir, Urban Trust, 1987-88. Lab Party local govt policy research officer 1985-87. Non-exec dir (unpaid), Greater London Enterprise Ltd. Dudley cllr 1984-87. Ed Brierley Hill GS; Balliol Coll, Oxford; Warwick Univ.

DULWICH AND WEST NORWOOD
Lab hold

Electorate 69,655 (75,179)		%Votes
+Jowell, T J H D (Lab)	27,807	60.96
Gough, R (C)	11,038	24.20
Kramer, S (LD)	4,916	10.78
Coles, B (Ref)	897	1.97
Goldie, A (Lib)	587	1.29
Goodman, D (Dream)	173	0.38
Pike, E (UK Ind)	159	0.35
Rizz, C (Rizz)	38	0.08
Lab Majority	**16,769**	**36.76**

Total Vote 45,615 Turnout 65.49%
Swing C to Lab 16.61

1992: Total Vote 50,890 (67.69%) - Lab 23,582 (46.34%); C 21,779 (42.80%); LD 4,998 (9.82%); Other 531 (1.04%); Lab Maj 1,803 (3.54%).

Ms Tessa Jowell, b Sept 17, 1947. Gained Dulwich for Labour 1992; contested Redbridge, Ilford N, by-election 1978 and again in 1979. Deputy to Shadow Health Sec 1996; chief Lab spokesman on women's issues 1995-96; Lab whip 1994-95. Sec, all-party parly panel on charities and voluntary sector; joint chair, voice group. Party adviser, Royal Coll of Nursing. Camden cllr 1971-86: chaired AMA social services cttee 1984-86. Dir, community care programme, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and Visiting Fellow, King's Fund Inst, 1990-92; dir, community care special action project, Birmingham, and senior Visiting Fellow, Policy Studies Inst, 1986-90; asst dir, MIND, 1974-86. Member, TGWU since 1975 (sponsored by union in 1992) and MSF since 1987. Ed St Margaret's, Aberdeen; Aberdeen and Edinburgh Univs.

DURHAM NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 67,891 (66,503)		%Votes
+Radice, G (Lab)	33,142	70.26
Hardy, M (C)	6,843	14.51
Moore, B (LD)	5,225	11.08
Parkin, I (Ref)	1,958	4.15
Lab Majority	**26,299**	**55.76**

Total Vote 47,168 Turnout 69.48%
Swing C to Lab 10.37

1992: Total Vote 50,739 (76.30%) - Lab 30,374 (59.86%); C 12,610 (24.85%); LD 7,755 (15.28%); Lab Maj 17,764 (35.01%).

Giles Radice, b Oct 4, 1936. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Chester-le-Street 1973-83; contested Chippenham 1964 and 1966. Chair, public service select cttee 1995; member, Treasury and Civil Service select cttee, 1987-95; chief Lab spokesman on education 1983-87, when in Shadow Cabinet. Lab spokesman on employment 1981-83; on foreign affairs 1981. Chair (1987-88) and vice-chair (1986-87) of Northern group of Lab MPs; chair, PLP employment group, 1979-81. Chair, European Movement, UK, 1995-; British Assoc for Central and Eastern Europe, 1991-. Parly Fellow, St Antony's Coll, Oxford, 1994-95. Ed Winchester; Magdalen Coll, Oxford.

DURHAM NORTH WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 67,156 (68,120)		%Votes
+Armstrong, H (Lab)	31,855	68.77
St John Howe, L (C)	7,101	15.33
Gillings, A T (LD)	4,991	10.78
Atkinson, R (Ref)	2,372	5.12
Lab Majority	**24,754**	**53.44**

Total Vote 46,319 Turnout 68.97%
Swing C to Lab 11.36

1992: Total Vote 50,984 (74.84%) - Lab 29,596 (58.05%); C 13,930 (27.32%); LD 7,458 (14.63%); Lab Maj 15,666 (30.73%).

Miss Hilary Armstrong, b Nov 30, 1945. Elected 1987. Dep chief Lab spokesman on environment 1995; Treasury spokesman 1994-95. PPS to late Lab leader, John Smith, 1992-94; in Lab education team 1988-92; member, select cttees on sittings of Commons, 1991-94on ed, science and arts until Jan 1989. Chair, PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1987-88; ex-member, NEC, Lab Party. Durham city cllr 1985-87. Vice-chair, British Council (unpaid). Parly adviser to exec cttee, AUT; unpaid trustee, Project Genesis Trust, concerned with regeneration of steel works site at Consett; dir and board member (unpaid), Childcare Enterprise Ltd. Lecturer in community and youth work, Sunderland Poly, 1975-86. Ed Monkwearmouth Comp; West Ham Coll of Tech; Birmingham Univ.

DURHAM, CITY OF
Lab hold

Electorate 69,340 (68,494)		%Votes
*Steinberg, G (Lab)	31,102	63.30
Chalk, R (C)	8,598	17.50
Martin, N (LD)	7,499	15.26
Robson, M (Ref)	1,723	3.51
Kember, P (NLP)	213	0.43
Lab Majority	**22,504**	**45.80**

Total Vote 49,135 Turnout 70.86%
Swing C to Lab 8.10

1992: Total Vote 50,859 (74.25%) - Lab 27,095 (53.27%); C 12,037 (23.67%); LD 10,915 (21.46%); Grn 812 (1.60%); Lab Maj 15,058 (29.61%).

Gerry Steinberg, b April 20, 1945. Ex-teacher. Elected 1987. Member of education select cttee 1987-96, then to education and employment cttee and its sub-cttee; chair, PLP education cttee, 1990-96 (joint vice-chair, 1988-90). Durham city cllr 1975-87. Adviser to Educational Psychologists Assoc 1989-; consultant to NUT. Headmaster, Whinworth House Special School, 1979-87; various teaching posts since 1969. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed St Margaret's Primary; Whinney Hill Sec Mod; Johnstone GS; Sheffield Coll of Ed; Newcastle Poly.

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EALING ACTON & SHEPHERD'S BUSH
Lab hold

Electorate 72,078 (68,324)		%Votes
+Soley, C S (Lab)	28,052	58.36
Yerolemou, B (C)	12,405	25.81
Mitchell, A (LD)	5,163	10.74
Winn, C (Ref)	637	1.33
Gilbert, J (Soc Lab)	635	1.32
Gomm, J (UK Ind)	385	0.80
Danon, P (ProLife)	265	0.55
Beasley, C (Glow)	209	0.43
Edwards, W (Ch P)	163	0.34
Turner, K (NLP)	150	0.31
Lab Majority	**15,647**	**32.55**

Total Vote 48,064 Turnout 66.68%
Swing C to Lab 12.78

1992: Total Vote 49,662 (72.69%) - Lab 23,024 (46.36%); C 19,553 (39.37%); LD 5,998 (12.08%); Other 1,087 (2.19%); Lab Maj 3,471 (6.99%).

Clive Soley, b May 7, 1939. Ex-probation officer. Elected MP for Hammersmith 1983, MP for Hammersmith N 1979-83. Chair, N Ireland select cttee, 1995, member since 1994. Served in Lab DoE team as spokesman on housing 1987-92, on home affairs 1984-87, and on N Ireland 1981-84; chair, all-party parenting parly group 1994-; joint vice-chair, all-party Peru group, 1996-97; vice-chair, all-party constitution and parly affairs group, 1996-97. Hammersmith cllr 1974-78. Chair, Lab Campaign for Criminal Justice, 1983-87; and Alcohol Ed Centre, 1977-83. Fellow, Industry and Parliament Trust. Consultant (unpaid) to Talking Shop. Sponsored by GMB 1992. Ed Downshall Sec Mod, Ilford, Newbattle Abbey Adult Ed Coll; Strathclyde and Southampton Univs.

EALING NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 78,144 (75,908)		%Votes
Pound, S (Lab)	29,904	51.81
+Greenway, H (C)	22,734	39.39
Gupta, A (LD)	3,887	6.73
Slysz, G (UK Ind)	689	1.19
Siebe, A (Green)	502	0.87
Lab Majority	**7,170**	**12.42**

Total Vote 57,716 Turnout 73.86%
Swing C to Lab 14.01

1992: Total Vote 58,200 (76.67%) - C 29,917 (51.40%); Lab 20,842 (35.81%); LD 6,266 (10.77%); Grn 643 (1.10%); NF 322 (0.55%); CD 210 (0.36%); C Maj 9,075 (15.59%).

Stephen Pound, b July 3, 1948. Housing association manager. Member, Fabian Soc; Co-op Party. RC church lay reader. Ed TUC postal studies course; LSE. Interests include Fulham FC and collecting comics.

EALING SOUTHALL
Lab hold

Electorate 81,704 (75,444)		%Votes
+Khabra, P (Lab)	32,791	60.01
Penrose, J (C)	11,368	20.80
Thomson, N (LD)	5,687	10.41
Brar, H (Soc Lab)	2,107	3.86
Goodwin, N (Green)	934	1.71
Cherry, B (Ref)	854	1.56
Klepacka, K (ProLife)	473	0.87
Mead, R (UK Ind)	428	0.78
Lab Majority	**21,423**	**39.21**

Total Vote 54,642 Turnout 66.88%
Swing C to Lab 15.11

1992: Total Vote 56,031 (74.27%) - Lab 25,371 (45.28%); C 20,340 (36.30%); True Lab 4,785 (8.54%); LD 4,567 (8.15%); Grn 968 (1.73%); Lab Maj 5,031 (8.98%).

Piara Khabra, b Nov 20, 1924. Social and welfare voluntary worker, former teacher. Elected for this seat 1992. Member, select cttee on members' interests, 1992-95; chair, all-party advance directive parly group, 1996-97; treas, British-Uganda group. Ealing cllr 1978-82. Chair, Indian Workers' Assoc, Southall, 1979-; Southall Community Law Centre, 1982-. Member, MSF. Ed Punjab Univ; Whitelands Coll, London.

EASINGTON
Lab hold

Electorate 62,518 (65,845)		%Votes
*Cummings, J (Lab)	33,600	80.20
Hollands, J (C)	3,588	8.56
Heppell, J (LD)	3,025	7.22
Pulfrey, R (Ref)	1,179	2.81
Colborn, S (SPGB)	503	1.20
Lab Majority	**30,012**	**71.64**

Total Vote 41,895 Turnout 67.01%
Swing C to Lab 7.83

1992: Total Vote 47,148 (71.60%) - Lab 34,269 (72.68%); C 7,879 (16.71%); LD 5,001 (10.61%); Lab Maj 26,391 (55.97%).

John Cummings, b July 6, 1943. Mining electrician. Elected 1987. Lab whip with responsibility for overseas development since 1995, and for Northern region since 1994. Member, Council of Europe and Western European Union, until 1997. Easington district cllr 1973-87 (leader 1979-87). Vice-chair, Coalfields Community Campaign, 1985-87. Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corp, 1980-87; Northumbrian Water Authority 1977-83. Member, NUM. Ed Easington and Durham Tech Coll.

EAST HAM
Lab hold

Electorate 65,591 (69,761)		%Votes
+Timms, S C (Lab)	25,779	64.63
Bray, A (C)	6,421	16.10
Khan, I (Soc Lab)	2,697	6.76
Sole, M (LD)	2,599	6.52
Smith, C (BNP)	1,258	3.15
McCann, J (Ref)	845	2.12
Hardy, G (Nat Dem)	290	0.73
Lab Majority	**19,358**	**48.53**

Total Vote 39,889 Turnout 60.81%
Swing C to Lab 13.27

1992: Total Vote 43,012 (61.66%) - Lab 23,212 (53.97%); C 13,751 (31.97%); LD 6,049 (14.06%); Lab Maj 9,461 (22.00%).

Stephen Timms, b July 29, 1955. Retained Newham NE for Labour in 1994 by-election. Member, Treasury select cttee and its sub-cttee, 1995-97; joint select cttee on Consolidation Bills, 1994-97; joint vice-chair, PLP Treasury cttee, 1995-. Newham cllr 1984- (leader 1990-94). Sec, Newham NE Lab Party, 1981-84. Hon pres, Telecommunications Users' Assoc, 1995-. Principal consultant with Ovum, 1986-94; consultant, Logica, 1978-86; manager, Telecommunications Reports, 1994. Ed Farnborough GS; Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge.

EASTBOURNE
C hold

Electorate 72,347 (70,602)		%Votes
+Waterson, N (C)	22,183	42.12
Berry, C J (LD)	20,189	38.33
Lines, D (Lab)	6,576	12.49
Lowe, T (Ref)	2,724	5.17
Williamson, T (Lib)	741	1.41
Dawkins, J (UK Ind)	254	0.48
C Majority	**1,994**	**3.79**

Total Vote 52,667 Turnout 72.80%
Swing C to LD 4.01

1992: Total Vote 57,627 (81.62%) - C 30,548 (53.01%); LD 23,739 (41.19%); Lab 2,697 (4.68%); Grn 366 (0.64%); Lib 277 (0.48%); C Maj 6,809 (11.82%).

Nigel Waterson, b Oct 12, 1950. Partner in firm of solicitors. Regained seat for C in 1992 after 1990 by-election reverse; contested Islington S and Finsbury 1979. PPS to Gerald Malone, Health Min. Member, joint select cttee and select cttee on statutory instruments, 1992-97; joint vice-chair, C backbench transport cttee, 1994-97; former officer of tourism cttee; sec, C shipping and shipbuilding sub-cttee, 1992-. Joint vice-chair, all-party daylight extra party group 1993-97, and British-Greek group 1993-97; sec, Cyprus group, 1992-97. Member, exec cttee, Soc of C Lawyers, 1993-. Chair, Bow Group, 1986-87 (hon patron 1993-95). Pres, SE area C ed advisory cttee, 1993-; member, C Greater London area exec cttee, 1990-91; CPC advisory cttee, 1986-90; London West Euro Constituency Council 1987-91. Ed Leeds GS; Queen's Coll, Oxford (pres, univ C assoc).

EASTLEIGH
LD gain from C

Electorate 72,155 (67,556)		%Votes
+Chidgey, D (LD)	19,453	35.05
Reid, S H (C)	18,699	33.70
Lloyd, A (Lab)	14,883	26.82
Eldridge, V (Ref)	2,013	3.63
Robinson, P (UK Ind)	446	0.80
LD Majority	**754**	**1.36**

Total Vote 55,494 Turnout 76.91%
Swing C to LD 11.26

1992: Total Vote 56,275 (83.30%) - C 28,620 (50.86%); LD 16,706 (29.69%); Lab 10,947 (19.45%); C Maj 11,912 (21.17%).

David Chidgey, b July 9, 1942. Consulting civil engineer. Won seat for LDs at 1994 by-election; contested it 1992. Contested Hampshire Central in 1989 Euro elections and 1988 Euro by-election. LD spokesman on transport 1995-97; previously on employment and training. Sec, all-party built environment parly group. Winchester city cllr 1987-90. Alresford town cllr 1975-83. Associate partner, Brian Colquhoun and Partners, consulting engineers, 1988-93; with Thorburn Colquhoun as assoc dir, southern England, and project dir, engineering facilities management, Hampshire, 1994. Ed Brune Park City HS, Gosport; RNC Portsmouth; Portsmouth Poly.

ECCLES
Lab hold

Electorate 69,645 (72,247)		%Votes
Stewart, I (Lab)	30,468	66.68
Barker, G (C)	8,552	18.72
Boyd, R (LD)	4,905	10.74
De Roeck, J (Ref)	1,765	3.86
Lab Majority	**21,916**	**47.97**

Total Vote 45,690 Turnout 65.60%
Swing C to Lab 10.74

1992: Total Vote 53,743 (74.39%) - Lab 30,960 (57.61%); C 16,730 (31.13%); LD 5,186 (9.65%); Grn 571 (1.06%); NLP 296 (0.55%); Lab Maj 14,230 (26.48%).

Ian Stewart, b Aug 28, 1950. Trade union regional officer (1978-). TGWU. Dist party chair, CLP vice-chair. Euro vice-chair of Lab Party. Member, TGWU. TUC dir for Salford Compact Partnership. Ed Calder Street Sec, Blantyre; Irlam HS, Manchester; Stretford Tech Coll; Manchester Metropolitan Univ.

EDDISBURY
C hold

Electorate 65,256 (62,352)		%Votes
+Goodlad, A R (C)	21,027	42.52
Hanson, M (Lab)	19,842	40.13
Reaper, D (LD)	6,540	13.23
Napier, N (Ref)	2,041	4.13
C Majority	**1,185**	**2.40**

Total Vote 49,450 Turnout 75.78%
Swing C to Lab 9.62

1992: Total Vote 50,844 (81.54%) - C 26,794 (52.70%); Lab 15,798 (31.07%); LD 7,553 (14.86%); Grn 615 (1.21%); NLP 84 (0.17%); C Maj 10,996 (21.63%).

Alastair Goodlad, b July 4, 1943. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Northwich, Feb 1974-83; contested Crewe 1970. Parly Sec to Treasury and Govt Chief Whip 1995-97; Min of State, Foreign Office, 1992-95; Treasurer of HM Household and govt dep chief whip 1990-92; govt whip 1989-90. Privy Counsellor 1992. Member, select cttees on broadcasting, 1987-89; Services 1989-91; agriculture 1979-81. Under Sec for Energy 1984-87. Chair, NW group of C MPs, 1987-89; all-party refugees parly group 198-89. Dir, Fuel Tech Europe Ltd, 1988-89; Mersey Barrage Co Ltd 1988-89. Ed St Faith's, Cambridge; Marlborough; King's Coll, Cambridge.

EDMONTON
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 63,718 (63,920)		%Votes
Love, A (Lab Co-op)	27,029	60.28
*Twinn, I (C)	13,557	30.24
Wiseman, A (LD)	2,847	6.35
Wright, J (Ref)	708	1.58
Cowd, B (BNP)	437	0.97
Weald, P (UK Ind)	260	0.58
Lab Co-op Majority	**13,472**	**30.05**

Total Vote 44,838 Turnout 70.37%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 47,706 (74.63%) - C 22,076 (46.28%); Lab 21,483 (45.03%); LD 3,940 (8.26%); NLP 207 (0.43%); C Maj 593 (1.24%).

Andy Love, b March 21, 1949. Contested this seat 1992. Party officer for Co-operative Retail Soc. Haringey cllr 1980-86. Ex-board member, Greater London Enterprise; ex-member, NE Thames RHA. Trustee of fund for co-operative workers. Ex-chair, Hornsey & Wood Green CLP. Member, TGWU. Ed state schools; Strathclyde Univ.

ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON
Lab hold

Electorate 67,573 (67,037)		%Votes
+Miller, A (Lab)	31,310	59.57
Turnbull, L (C)	15,274	29.06
Pemberton, J (LD)	4,673	8.89
Rodden, C (Ref)	1,305	2.48
Lab Majority	**16,036**	**30.51**

Total Vote 52,562 Turnout 77.79%
Swing C to Lab 12.37

1992: Total Vote 56,099 (83.68%) - Lab 26,836 (47.84%); C 23,603 (42.07%); LD 5,012 (8.93%); Grn 550 (0.98%); NLP 98 (0.17%); Lab Maj 3,233 (5.76%).

Andrew Miller, b March 23, 1949. Won this seat 1992. Member, science and tech select cttee; Commons information cttee; board member, Parly Office of Science and Tech; vice-chair, PLP science and tech cttee, 1993-; all-party tennis club parly group. Ex-chair, Eddisbury CLP. Co-author of Lab economic strategy for NW. Trade union official, member ASTMS (now MSF) from 1967 and divisional officer 1977-92. Specialist lab technician, dept of geology, Portsmouth Poly, 1967-76. Sponsored by MSF 1992. Ed Hayling Secondary; LSE.

ELMET
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,423 (71,473)		%Votes
Burgon, C (Lab)	28,348	52.40
*Batiste, S (C)	19,569	36.18
Jennings, B (LD)	4,691	8.67
Zawadski, C (Ref)	1,487	2.75
Lab Majority	**8,779**	**16.23**

Total Vote 54,095 Turnout 76.81%
Swing C to Lab 10.91

1992: Total Vote 58,237 (81.48%) - C 27,677 (47.52%); Lab 24,416 (41.93%); LD 6,144 (10.55%); C Maj 3,261 (5.60%).

Colin Burgon, b April 22, 1948. Local govt policy and research officer; ex-teacher. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987. Party posts include chair/sec, Elmet Lab Party; member, Yorks regional exec LP; ex-chair, Leeds Euro party; election agent at Elmet 1983 and Euro election at Leeds, 1989. Member, Nupe and MSF; NUT member for 16 years. Ed St Michael's Coll, Leeds; Carnegie Coll, Leeds; Huddersfield Poly.

ELTHAM
Lab gain from C

Electorate 57,358 (60,650)		%Votes
Efford, C (Lab)	23,710	54.60
Blackwood, C (C)	13,528	31.15
Taylor, A (LD)	3,701	8.52
Clark, M (Ref)	1,414	3.26
Middleton, H (Lib)	584	1.34
Hitches, W (BNP)	491	1.13
Lab Majority	**10,182**	**23.45**

Total Vote 43,428 Turnout 75.71%
Swing C to Lab 13.64

1992: Total Vote 46,399 (76.50%) - C 20,384 (43.93%); Lab 18,604 (40.10%); LD 7,213 (15.55%); Ind C 198 (0.43%); C Maj 1,780 (3.84%).

Clive Efford, b July 10, 1958. London taxi driver. Contested seat 1992. Greenwich cllr 1986- (chief whip 1990-91; group sec 1986-87). Member, TGWU. Ed Walworth Comp.

ENFIELD NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,680 (684,599)		%Votes
Ryan, J (Lab)	24,148	50.66
Field, M (C)	17,326	36.35
Hopkins, M (LD)	4,264	8.95
Ellingham, R (Ref)	857	1.80
Griffin, J (BNP)	590	1.24
O'Ware, J (UK Ind)	484	1.02
Lab Majority	**6,822**	**14.31**

Total Vote 47,669 Turnout 70.43%
Swing C to Lab 16.13

1992: Total Vote 52,530 (7.67%) - C 27,789 (52.90%); Lab 18,359 (34.95%); LD 5,817 (11.07%); NLP 565 (1.08%); C Maj 9,430 (17.95%).

Ms Joan Ryan, b Sept 8, 1955. Teacher and freelance researcher. Barnet cllr 1990- (dep council leader 1994-). Member, NUT; MSF. Ed City of Liverpool Coll of Higher Ed; South Bank Poly.

ENFIELD SOUTHGATE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,796 (65,109)		%Votes
Twigg, S (Lab)	20,570	44.21
+Portillo, M (C)	19,137	41.13
Browne, J (LD)	4,966	10.67
Luard, N (Ref)	1,342	2.88
Storkey, A (Ch D)	289	0.62
Malakouna, A (Mal)	229	0.49
Lab Majority	**1,433**	**3.08**

Total Vote 46,533 Turnout 70.72%
Swing C to Lab 17.40

1992: Total Vote 49,002 (75.26%) - C 28,390 (57.94%); Lab 12,845 (26.21%); LD 7,072 (14.43%); Grn 695 (1.42%); C Maj 15,545 (31.72%).

Stephen Twigg, b Dec 25, 1966. Islington cllr 1990- (dep leader until 1996). General sec, Fabian Soc. Ex-chair NUS, ex-research assistant to Margaret Hodge, MP. Member, Co-op Party; Amnesty; Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform; Stonewall. Ed Southgate Comp; Balliol Coll, Oxford.

EPPING FOREST
C hold

Electorate 72,795 (71,990)		%Votes
Laing, E F (C)	24,117	45.50
Murray, S (Lab)	18,865	35.59
Robinson, S (LD)	7,074	13.35
Berry, J (Ref)	2,208	4.17
Henderson, P (BNP)	743	1.40
C Majority	**5,252**	**9.91**

Total Vote 53,007 Turnout 72.82%
Swing C to Lab 13.64

1992: Total Vote 56,949 (79.11%) - C 34,034 (59.76%); Lab 12,851 (22.57%); LD 9,520 (16.72%); Epping 544 (0.96%); C Maj 21,183 (37.20%).

Mrs Eleanor Laing, b Feb 1, 1958. Business and political consultant. Contested Paisley N 1987. Special adviser to John MacGregor, then Cabinet min, 1989-94; CPC chair, Edinburgh South C assoc, 1983-85. Member, IoD policy unit, 1994-95. Solicitor in legal dept of construction firm 1986-88; did political work for major retailing companies 1988-89. Ed John Neilson School, Glasgow; St Columba's, Kilmacolm; Edinburgh Univ (student union pres).

EPSOM AND EWELL
C hold

Electorate 73,222 (72,957)		%Votes
+Hamilton, Sir A G (C)	24,717	45.62
Woodford, P (Lab)	13,192	24.35
Vincent, J (LD)	12,380	22.85
Macdonald, C (Ref)	2,355	4.35
Green, H (UK Ind)	544	1.00
Charlton, H (Green)	527	0.97
Weeks, K (ProLife)	466	0.86
C Majority	**11,525**	**21.27**

Total Vote 54,181 Turnout 74.00%
Swing C to Lab 12.36

1992: Total Vote 58,343 (79.97%) - C 35,621 (61.05%); LD 13,561 (23.24%); Lab 8,789 (15.06%); NLP 372 (0.64%); C Maj 22,060 (37.81%).

Sir Archibald Hamilton, b Dec 30, 1941. Farmer. Elected 1978 by-election; contested Dagenham, Feb and Oct 1974. Min of State for Armed Forces 1988-93; PPS to Margaret Thatcher 1987-88; Under Sec for defence procurement 1986-87; govt whip 1984-86; asst govt whip 1982-84. Privy Counsellor 1991. Elected to exec of 1922 Cttee 1995; member, Commons intelligence and security cttee, 1994-97. Joint chair, all-party glass parly group. Kensington and Chelsea cllr 1968-71. Member, UK cttee, Euro Research Group. Member of Lloyd's. Dir, Saladin Holdings Ltd, security; Woodgate Farms Dairy; Siam Selective Growth Trust plc; First Philippine Investment Trust plc; First Philippines Securities; Crownridge Industries Ltd, property developers; Leafield Engineering Ltd. Consultant to Litton Industries Inc, US defence manufacturers; W.S. Atkins Ltd, engineering consultants; Merrill Lynch Europe Ltd, investment bankers.

EREWASH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 77,402 (76,953)		%Votes
Blackman, E (Lab)	31,196	51.70
+Knight, A (C)	22,061	36.56
Garnett, M (LD)	5,181	8.59
Stagg, S (Ref)	1,404	2.33
Simmons, M (Soc Lab)	496	0.82
Lab Majority	**9,135**	**15.14**

Total Vote 60,338 Turnout 77.95%
Swing C to Lab 12.08

1992: Total Vote 63,485 (82.50%) - C 29,970 (47.21%); Lab 24,247 (38.19%); LD 8,623 (13.58%); BNP 645 (1.02%); C Maj 5,723 (9.01%).

Ms Elizabeth Blackman, b Sept 26, 1949. Head of upper school at local comp. Deputy leader, Broxtowe Borough Council. Member, Co-op Party; Fabian Soc; SEA; NASUWT. Ed Clifton Coll, Nottingham.

ERITH & THAMESMEAD
Lab hold

Electorate 62,887 (66,600)		%Votes
+Austin-Walker, J (Lab)	25,812	62.07
Zahawi, N (C)	8,388	20.17
Grigg, A (LD)	5,001	12.03
Flunder, J (Ref)	1,394	3.35
Dooley, V (BNP)	718	1.73
Jackson, M (UK Ind)	274	0.66
Lab Majority	**17,424**	**41.90**

Total Vote 41,587 Turnout 66.13%
Swing C to Lab 15.25

1992: Total Vote 49,415 (74.20%) - Lab 21,245 (42.99%); C 15,615 (31.60%); LD 12,555 (25.41%); Lab Maj 5,630 (11.39%).

John Austin-Walker, popularly known as "Jaws", b Aug 21, 1944. MP for Woolwich 1992-97; contested that seat 1987. Member, health select cttee, 1994-97, joint vice-chair, London group of Lab MPs, 1992-97; chair, all-party osteoporosis group, 1996-97, Campaign group of Lab MPs 1994-95; member, exec cmte, British group, IPU, 1994-; sec, Albania group; sec, Western Sahara group, 1996-97. Former sec/agent Greenwich Lab Party. Greenwich cllr 1970-94 (Mayor 1987-88; council leader 1982-87). Vice-chair, ALA, 1983-87. London Strategic Policy Unit 1986-88. Dir, London Marathon Charitable Trust Ltd; trustee, Greenwich Mind and Adolescent and Children's Trust (all unpaid). Race equality officer 1974-92. Nat chair, Assoc of Community Health Councils, England and Wales, 1981-83; chair, London Ecology Unit, 1990-92; London Emergency Planning Information Centre 1990-92; British Youth Council 1969-71.

ESHER & WALTON
C hold

Electorate 72,382 (71,598)		%Votes
+Taylor, I C (C)	26,747	49.84
Reay, J (Lab)	12,219	22.77
Miles, G (LD)	10,937	20.38
Cruickshank, A (Ref)	2,904	5.41
Collignon, B (UK Ind)	558	1.04
Kay, S (Dream)	302	0.56
C Majority	**14,528**	**27.07**

Total Vote 53,667 Turnout 74.14%
Swing C to Lab 8.13

1992: Total Vote 54,763 (76.49%) - C 33,237 (60.69%); LD 12,013 (21.94%); Lab 9,513 (17.37%); C Maj 21,224 (38.76%).

Ian Taylor, b April 18, 1945. MP for Esher 1987-97; contested Coventry SE, Feb 1974. Under Sec for Trade and Technology at DTI 1994; PPS to William Waldegrave in his ministeral posts 1990-94. Member, foreign affairs select cttee 1987-90. Chair (1988-89) and sec (1987-88), C backbench Euro affairs cttee; chair, C Group for Europe, 1985-88; and C Foreign and Commonwealth Council 1990-; vice-chair, assoc of C clubs, 1988-92. Ex-corporate finance adviser; former company director and economic and party adviser. Chair, Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council, 1980-84, and vice-pres since 1984. Ed Whitley Abbey School, Coventry; Keele Univ; LSE (Ford Foundation Research Scholar).

ESSEX NORTH
C hold

Electorate 68,008 (66,739)		%Votes
+Jenkin, B C (C)	22,480	43.90
Young, T (Lab)	17,004	33.21
Phillips, A (LD)	10,028	19.58
Lord, R (UK Ind)	1,202	2.35
Ransome, S (Green)	495	0.97
C Majority	**5,476**	**10.69**

Total Vote 51,209 Turnout 75.30%
Swing C to Lab 13.97

1992: Total Vote 54,259 (81.30%) - C 31,309 (57.70%); LD 12,059 (22.22%); Lab 10,347 (19.07%); Other 544 (1.00%); C Maj 19,250 (35.48%).

Bernard Jenkin, b April 9, 1959. MP for Colchester N 1992-97; contested Glasgow Central 1987. PPS to Michael Forsyth, Scottish Sec, 1995-97. Member, social security select cttee, 1992-97; vice-chair, C backbench smaller businesses cttee, 1994-95; joint sec, C foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee, 1994-95; treas, all-party Future of Europe parly group; sec, opera group. Research asst to Sir Leon Brittan, MP, 1986-89. Adviser to Legal and General Group plc. Fund manager with Legal and General Ventures Ltd 1989-92; with Hill Samuel Bank 1988-89; with 3I, 1986-88; sales and marketing exec, Ford Motor Co, 1983-86. Governor (unpaid), London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates. Ed Highgate School; William Ellis School; Corpus Christi Coll, Cambridge (pres of Union, 1982).

EXETER
Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,154 (76,587)		%Votes
Bradshaw, B (Lab)	29,398	47.52
Rogers, A (C)	17,693	28.60
Brewer, D (LD)	11,148	18.02
Morrish, D (Lib)	2,062	3.33
Edwards, P (Green)	643	1.04
Haynes, C (UK Ind)	638	1.03
Meakin, J (UKPP)	282	0.46
Lab Majority	**11,705**	**18.92**

Total Vote 61,864 Turnout 78.16%
Swing C to Lab 11.91

1992: Total Vote 62,444 (81.53%) - C 25,693 (41.15%); Lab 22,629 (36.24%); LD 12,129 (19.42%); Lib 1,125 (1.80%); Grn 768 (1.23%); NLP 100 (0.16%); C Maj 3,064 (4.91%).

Ben Bradshaw, b Aug 30, 1960. BBC journalist and newspaper reporter. Won journalism awards for coverage of East German revolution, fall of Berlin Wall. Ed Thorpe St Andrew School, Norwich; Sussex Univ.

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FALMOUTH & CAMBORNE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,383 (71,220)		%Votes
Atherton, C (Lab)	18,151	33.84
*Coe, S (C)	15,463	28.83
Jones, T (LD)	13,512	25.19
de Savary, P (Ref)	3,534	6.59
Geach, J (Ind Lab)	1,691	3.15
Holmes, P (Lib)	527	0.98
Smith, R (UK Ind)	355	0.66
Lewarne, R (Meb Ker)	238	0.44
Glitter, G (Loony)	161	0.30
Lab Majority	**2,688**	**5.01**

Total Vote 53,632 Turnout 75.13%
Swing C to Lab 6.36

1992: Total Vote 57,344 (80.52%) - C 21,150 (36.88%); LD 17,883 (31.19%); Lab 16,732 (29.18%); Lib 730 (1.27%); Grn 466 (0.81%); Loony 327 (0.57%); NLP 56 (0.10%); C Maj 3,267 (5.70%).

Ms Candy Atherton, b Sept 21, 1955. Journalist. Contested Chesham and Amersham 1992. Former party researcher to Jo Richardson, MP, and Judith Hart, MP. Islington cllr 1986-91 (Mayor 1989-90). Member, Islington HA, 1986-90. Co-founder of Everywoman magazine; ex-probation officer. Freeman, City of London, 1990. Ed Sutton HS; Midhurst GS; N London Poly. Glider pilot and ornithologist.

FAREHAM
C hold

Electorate 68,787 (66,082)		%Votes
+Lloyd, Sir P (C)	24,436	46.83
Pryor, M (Lab)	14,078	26.98
Hill, G (LD)	10,234	19.61
Markham, D (Ref)	2,914	5.58
O'Brien, W (Ind No)	515	0.99
C Majority	**10,358**	**19.85**

Total Vote 52,177 Turnout 75.85%
Swing C to Lab 12.97

1992: Total Vote 53,736 (81.32%) - C 32,588 (60.64%); LD 12,489 (23.24%); Lab 7,980 (14.85%); Grn 679 (1.26%); C Maj 20,099 (37.40%).

Sir Peter Lloyd, b Nov 12, 1937. Elected 1979; contested Nottingham W, Feb and Oct 1974. Min of State, Home Office, 1992-94; Under Sec, Home Office, 1989-92; Under Sec for Social Security 1988-89; govt whip 1986-88; asst govt whip 1984-86. Member, select cttees on public service, 1995-; employment 1983-84. Privy Counsellor 1994. Chair, Bow Group, 1972-73; vice-chair, C European affairs cttee, 1980-81; sec, C employment cttee, 1979-81. PPS to Min of State for N Ireland 1982-83; to Sec of State for Ed and Science 1983-84. Joint vice-chair, exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1994-. Ex-marketing manager of United Biscuits plc. Member of Lloyd's. Consultant to Lloyd and Associates, solicitors (marketing and legal advice). Unpaid chair, The New Bridge charity. Ed Tonbridge School; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge.

FAVERSHAM & KENT MID
C hold

Electorate 67,490 (66,379)		%Votes
+Rowe, A J B (C)	22,016	44.38
Stewart, A (Lab)	17,843	35.97
Parmenter, B (LD)	6,138	12.37
Birley, R (Ref)	2,073	4.18
Davidson, N (Loony)	511	1.03
Cunningham, M (UK Ind)	431	0.87
Currer, D (Green)	380	0.77
Morgan, C (GRLNSP)	115	0.23
Pollard, N (NLP)	99	0.20
C Majority	**4,173**	**8.41**

Total Vote 49,606 Turnout 73.50%
Swing C to Lab 13.88

1992: Total Vote 54,176 (81.62%) - C 32,047 (59.15%); Lab 12,448 (22.98%); LD 9,225 (17.03%); Other 456 (0.84%); C Maj 19,599 (36.18%).

Andrew Rowe, b Sept 11, 1935. Elected Kent Mid 1983-97. PPS to Lord Ferrers and Richard Needham, Trade and Industry Mins of State, 1992-95; member, PAC, 1995-97; former member, health select cttee; employment select cttee 1983-89. Chair (1989-92), joint vice-chair (1987-89) and joint sec (1983-86), C backbench employment cttee; chair, all-party Christian Fellowship parly group; parly panel for personal social services 1986-92; joint sec, social science and policy group. Dir of Community Affairs at C Central Office 1975-79. Party adviser to Amway plc, multilevel selling co; pres, North Downs Rail Concern; unpaid trustee and dir, Community Service Volunteers; trustee of NSPCC; principal, Scottish Office, 1962-67. Member, Swann Cttee 1979-84. Editor, Small Business, 1979-90; lecturer, Edinburgh Univ, 1967-74. Ed Eton; Merton Coll, Oxford.

FELTHAM & HESTON
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 71,093 (73,296)		%Votes
+Keen, A (Lab Co-op)	27,836	59.71
Ground, P (C)	12,563	26.95
Penning, C (LD)	4,264	9.15
Stubbs, R (Ref)	1,099	2.36
Church, R (BNP)	682	1.46
Fawcett, D (NLP)	177	0.38
Lab Co-op Majority	**15,273**	**32.76**

Total Vote 46,621 Turnout 65.58%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 15.07

1992: Total Vote 53,377 (72.82%) - Lab Co-op 24,294 (45.51%); C 22,894 (42.89%); LD 6,189 (11.59%); Lab Co-op Maj 1,400 (2.62%).

Alan Keen, b Nov 25, 1937. Systems analyst, accountant and manager. Elected for this seat 1992. Member, select cttees on education, 1995-96deregulation 1995-96Hounslow cllr 1986-90. Member of, and sponsored in 1992 by, Co-op Party. Ed Sir William Turner's, Redcar. Former scout for Middlesbrough FC.

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,225 (71,081)		%Votes
Vis, R (Lab)	23,180	46.08
+Marshall, J L (C)	19,991	39.74
Davies, J (LD)	5,670	11.27
Shaw, G (Ref)	684	1.36
Gunstock, A (Green)	576	1.14
Barraclough, D (UK Ind)	205	0.41
Lab Majority	**3,189**	**6.34**

Total Vote 50,306 Turnout 69.65%
Swing C to Lab 15.10

1992: Total Vote 52,283 (73.55%) - C 28,623 (54.75%); Lab 16,149 (30.89%); LD 6,690 (12.80%); Other 821 (1.57%); C Maj 12,474 (23.86%).

Rudolph Vis, b April 4, 1941. Lecturer in economics. Barnet cllr 1986-. Treas, Finchley CLP, 1982-86. Member, MSF; SEA. Ed high school in The Netherlands; Univ of Maryland; Brunel University.

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE
C hold

Electorate 71,153 (64,414)		%Votes
+Howard, M (C)	20,313	39.03
Laws, D (LD)	13,981	26.86
Doherty, P (Lab)	12,939	24.86
Aspinall, J (Ref)	4,188	8.05
Baker, J (UK Ind)	378	0.73
Segal, E (Soc)	182	0.35
Saint, R (CFSS)	69	0.13
C Majority	**6,332**	**12.17**

Total Vote 52,050 Turnout 73.15%
Swing C to LD 2.41

1992: Total Vote 52,432 (81.40%) - C 27,435 (52.32%); LD 18,527 (35.34%); Lab 6,347 (12.11%); NLP 123 (0.23%); C Maj 8,908 (16.99%).

Michael Howard, b July 7, 1941. QC. Home Secretary 1993-97. Elected 1983; contested Liverpool Edge Hill 1966 and 1970. Sec of State for Environment 1992-93; Sec of State for Employment 1990-92; Min of State for Environment 1987, with responsibilities for local govt, and from 1988-90, with same rank, was Min for Housing and Planning. Min for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, with rank of Under Sec of State for Trade and Industry, 1985-87. PPS to Sir Patrick Mayhew, Solicitor-General, 1984-85. Privy Counsellor 1990. Appointed Recorder 1986. Ex-member of Lloyd's. Ed Llanelli GS; Peterhouse, Cambridge (pres of Union 1962).

FOREST OF DEAN
Lab hold

Electorate 63,465 (62,882)		%Votes
Organ, D M (Lab)	24,203	48.23
+Marland, P (C)	17,860	35.59
Lynch, A (LD)	6,165	12.28
Hopkins, J (Ref)	1,624	3.24
Morgan, G (Ind Dean)	218	0.43
Palmer, C (21st Cent)	80	0.16
Porter, S (Ind F)	34	0.07
Lab Majority	**6,343**	**12.64**

Total Vote 50,184 Turnout 79.07%
Swing C to Lab 5.62

1992: Total Vote 52,246 (83.09%) - Lab 22,176 (42.45%); C 21,444 (41.04%); LD 8,422 (16.12%); Other 204 (0.39%); Lab Maj 732 (1.40%).

Ms Diana Organ, b Feb 21, 1952. Special needs teacher. Contested Gloucestershire W 1992; Somerset and Dorset West in 1989 Euro elections. Former asst sec, Somerset and Frome CLP; Somerset delegate, women's cttee; member, regional exec. Former dep head of primary school; board member, TV South West. Member, Nupe. Ed Edgbaston C of E Coll for Girls; St Hugh's Coll, Oxford; Bath Univ School of Education; Bristol Poly.

FYLDE
C hold

Electorate 71,385 (70,389)		%Votes
+Jack, M (C)	25,443	48.87
Garrett, J (Lab)	16,480	31.65
Greene, W (LD)	7,609	14.61
Britton, D (Ref)	2,372	4.56
Kerwin, T (NLP)	163	0.31
C Majority	**8,963**	**17.21**

Total Vote 52,067 Turnout 72.94%
Swing C to Lab 12.22

1992: Total Vote 52,881 (75.13%) - C 31,849 (60.23%); LD 10,937 (20.68%); Lab 9,827 (18.58%); NLP 268 (0.51%); C Maj 20,912 (39.55%).

Michael Jack, b Sept 17, 1946. Elected 1987; contested Newcastle Central, Feb 1974. Financial Secretary to Treasury 1995-97; member, PAC; Min of state for Ag, Fish and Food 1993-95, with responsibilities for fishing; Min of State, Home Office, 1992-93; Under Sec for Social Security 1990-92. PPS to John Gummer, when Min for Local Govt and then Agriculture Min, 1988-90. Chair, C horticulture and markets sub-cttee, 1987-88; joint sec, C transport cttee, 1987-88; sec, NW C MPs, 1988-90. Former sales director of horticultural produce. Procter & Gamble 1970-75; personal asst to Sir Derek Rayner, Marks & Spencer, 1975-80; sales director, L.O. Jeffs Ltd, 1980-87. Vice-pres, Think Green, 1989-90. Member, Mersey RHA, 1984-87. Ed Bradford GS; Bradford Tech Coll; Leicester Univ.

G

GAINSBOROUGH
C hold

Electorate 64,106 (62,796)		%Votes
+Leigh, E J E (C)	20,593	43.09
Taylor, P (Lab)	13,767	28.80
Taylor, N (LD)	13,436	28.11
C Majority	**6,826**	**14.28**

Total Vote 47,796 Turnout 74.56%
Swing C to Lab 9.10

1992: Total Vote 50,445 (80.33%) - C 26,919 (53.36%); LD 12,993 (25.76%); Lab 10,533 (20.88%); C Maj 13,926 (27.61%).

Edward Leigh, b July 20, 1950. Barrister. MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle 1983-97; contested Teesside Middlesbrough Oct 1974. Under Sec of State for Trade and Industry 1990-93. Member, select cttees on social security, 1995-97; defence 1983-87. Joint sec, C backbench N Ireland cttee, 1988-90; joint vice-chair, C employment cttee, 1987-88sec, C defence cttee, 1983-84C agric cttee 1983-85. Member, Margaret Thatcher's private office, 1976-77. Richmond cllr 1974-78; GLC cllr 1977-81. Arbitrator in trading disputes between newspaper publishers, wholesalers and retailers. Chair, Nat Council for Civil Defence, 1980-82; dir, Coalition for Peace through Security, 1982-83; dir, Nat TeleCable; parly and public affairs consultant to Pinnacle Insurance plc; Nat Assoc of Licensed Opencast Operators. Ed St Philip's School, Kensington; Oratory School, Berks; French Lycée, London; Durham Univ (pres of union; chair, univ C assoc).

GATESHEAD EAST & WASHINGTON WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 64,114 (67,822)		%Votes
+Quin, J G (Lab)	31,047	72.07
Burns, J (C)	6,097	14.15
Ord, A (LD)	4,622	10.73
Daley, M (Ref)	1,315	3.05
Lab Majority	**24,950**	**57.91**

Total Vote 43,081 Turnout 67.19%
Swing C to Lab 13.85

1992: Total Vote 48,647 (71.73%) - Lab 28,192 (57.95%); C 13,492 (27.73%); LD 6,963 (14.31%); Lab Maj 14,700 (30.22%).

Miss Joyce Quin, b Nov 26, 1944. Elected MP for Gateshead E 1987; MEP for Tyne and Wear 1979-89. Labour spokesman on Europe 1993; spokesman on employment 1992-93; trade and industry 1989-92. Member, Treasury and Civil Service select cttee, 1987-89. Chair 1995-, and former vice-chair, Northern group of Lab MPs; joint vice-chair, all-party social science and policy group; European Atlantic group; treas, British-German group. Researcher, international dept, Lab Party HQ, 1969-72; lecturer in French, Bath Univ, 1972-76, and in French and politics, Durham Univ, 1977-79. FRSA 1991. Hon Fellow, Sunderland Poly, 1986. Ed Whitley Bay GS; Newcastle and London Univs; LSE.

GEDLING
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,820 (69,283)		%Votes
Coaker, V (Lab)	24,390	46.76
*Mitchell, A (C)	20,588	39.47
Poynter, R (LD)	5,180	9.93
Connor, J (Ref)	2,006	3.85
Lab Majority	**3,802**	**7.29**

Total Vote 52,164 Turnout 75.80%
Swing C to Lab 13.01

1992: Total Vote 56,776 (81.95%) - C 30,191 (53.18%); Lab 19,554 (34.44%); LD 6,863 (12.09%); NLP 168 (0.30%); C Maj 10,637 (18.74%).

Vernon Coaker, b June 17, 1953. Teacher. Contested Rushcliffe 1983; Gedling 1987 and 1992. Rushcliffe borough cllr 1983- (council leader 1987-). Member, NUT. Ed Drayton Manor GS; Warwick Univ; Trent Poly.

GILLINGHAM
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,389 (70,789)		%Votes
Clark, P (Lab)	20,187	39.83
+Couchman, J (C)	18,207	35.92
Sayer, R (LD)	9,649	19.04
Cann, G (Ref)	1,492	2.94
MacKinlay, C (UK Ind)	590	1.16
Robinson, D (Loony)	305	0.60
Jury, C (BNP)	195	0.38
Duguay, G (NLP)	58	0.11
Lab Majority	**1,980**	**3.91**

Total Vote 50,683 Turnout 72.00%
Swing C to Lab 16.02

1992: Total Vote 55,999 (79.11%) - C 29,092 (51.95%); Lab 13,332 (23.81%); LD 13,150 (23.48%); Ind 240 (0.43%); NLP 185 (0.33%); C Maj 15,760 (28.14%).

Paul Clarke, b April 29, 1957. Administrator, TUC. Contested Gillingham 1992. Gillingham borough cllr 1982-90 (Lab group leader 1988-90). Member, AEU. Ed Gillingham GS; Keele Univ.

GLOUCESTER
Lab gain from C

Electorate 78,682 (76,487)		%Votes
Kingham, T (Lab)	28,943	49.98
+French, D (C)	20,684	35.72
Munisamy, P (LD)	6,069	10.48
Reid, A (Ref)	1,482	2.56
Harris, A (UK Ind)	455	0.79
Hamilton, M (NLP)	281	0.49
Lab Majority	**8,259**	**14.26**

Total Vote 57,914 Turnout 73.61%
Swing C to Lab 11.48

1992: Total Vote 62,102 (81.19%) - C 28,274 (45.53%); Lab 22,867 (36.82%); LD 10,961 (17.65%); C Maj 5,407 (8.71%).

Tessa Kingham, b May 4, 1963. Charity official. Contested Cotswolds in 1994 Euro elections. Ed Dartford GS for Girls; Royal Holloway Coll; East Anglia Univ.

GOSPORT
C hold

Electorate 68,830 (69,859)		%Votes
*Viggers, P (C)	21,085	43.60
Gray, I (Lab)	14,827	30.66
Hogg, S (LD)	9,479	19.60
Blowers, A (Ref)	2,538	5.25
Ettie, P (Ind)	426	0.88
C Majority	**6,258**	**12.94**

Total Vote 48,355 Turnout 70.25%
Swing C to Lab 15.80

1992: Total Vote 53,477 (76.55%) - C 31,094 (58.14%); LD 14,776 (27.63%); Lab 7,275 (13.60%); Pensioners 332 (0.62%); C Maj 16,318 (30.51%).

Peter Viggers, b March 13, 1938. Solicitor and Lloyd's underwriter. Elected Feb 1974. Junior N Ireland Min 1986-89; PPS to Solicitor-General 1979-83, and to Chief Sec to Treasury 1983-86. Member, select cttees on defence, 1992-97, and members' interests 1991-93. Joint sec, C backbench defence cttee, 1991-. Chair, all-party British-Japanese group, 1992-; joint vice-chair, Asean group. Chair, Tracer Petroleum Corp; chair, trustees of Corporation of Lloyd's pension fund. Delegate, North Atlantic Assembly, 1992- and 1980-86. Chair, Campaign for Defence and Multilateral Disarmament, 1984-86; Cttee for Peace with Freedom 1984-86. Member, management cttee, RNLI. Dir (unpaid), Warrior Preservation Trust. Ed Portsmouth GS and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

GRANTHAM & STAMFORD
C hold

Electorate 72,310 (67,426)		%Votes
+Davies, J Q (C)	22,672	42.80
Denning, P (Lab)	19,980	37.72
Sellick, J (LD)	6,612	12.48
Swain, M (Ref)	2,721	5.14
Charlesworth, M (UK Ind)	556	1.05
Clark, R (ProLife)	314	0.59
Harper, I (NLP)	115	0.22
C Majority	**2,692**	**5.08**

Total Vote 52,970 Turnout 73.25%
Swing C to Lab 13.34

1992: Total Vote 54,031 (80.13%) - C 31,263 (57.86%); Lab 14,105 (26.11%); LD 8,663 (16.03%); C Maj 17,158 (31.76%).

Quentin Davies, b May 29, 1944. MP for Stamford and Spalding 1987-97; contested Birmingham Ladywood by-election 1977. Member, select cttees on standards and privileges, 1995-97; Treasury 1992-97. Joint sec, C backbench finance cttee, 1991-; sec, C trade and industry cttee, 1991-; joint vice-chair, C trade and industry deregulation sub-cttee, 1994-. Sec, all-party British-German group, 1993-. Vice-chair, European Movement. Member of council, Action Centre for Europe. Adviser to NatWest Securities 1993-; consultant to Chartered Inst of Taxation 1993-. Consultant to Morgan Grenfell and Co Ltd, merchant bankers, 1987-93; dir 1981-87; director-general and pres, Morgan Grenfell, France SA, 1978-81. Member, exec cttee, council for economic policy research; cttee for tax reform, Inst for Fiscal Studies. Liveryman, Goldsmiths' Co; Freeman, City of London. Diplomat 1967-74. Ed Dragon School, Oxford; Leighton Park; Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge; Harvard.

GRAVESHAM
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,234 (70,514)		%Votes
Pond, C (Lab)	26,460	49.69
+Arnold, J (C)	20,681	38.84
Canet, M (LD)	4,128	7.75
Curtis, P (Ref)	1,441	2.71
Leyshon, A (Ind)	414	0.78
Palmer, D (NLP)	129	0.24
Lab Majority	**5,779**	**10.85**

Total Vote 53,253 Turnout 76.92%
Swing C to Lab 10.01

1992: Total Vote 58,535 (83.01%) - C 29,031 (49.60%); Lab 23,683 (40.46%); LD 5,207 (8.90%); Ind 273 (0.47%); ILP 187 (0.32%); Socialist 174 (0.30%); C Maj 5,368 (9.17%).

Chris Pond, b Sept 25, 1952. Contested Welwyn Hatfield 1987. Dir, Low Pay Unit. Ed Minchenden School, Southgate; Sussex Univ.

GREAT GRIMSBY
Lab hold

Electorate 65,043 (68,387)		%Votes
*Mitchell, A (Lab)	25,765	59.79
Godson, D (C)	9,521	22.09
De Freitas, A (LD)	7,810	18.12
Lab Majority	**16,244**	**37.69**

Total Vote 43,096 Turnout 66.26%
Swing C to Lab 11.45

1992: Total Vote 50,763 (74.23%) - Lab 25,897 (51.02%); C 18,391 (36.23%); LD 6,475 (12.76%); Lab Maj 7,506 (14.79%).

Austin Mitchell, b Sept 19, 1934. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Grimsby 1977-83. Ex-Lab spokesman on trade and industry 1987-89, when he was dismissed by Neil Kinnock after becoming co-presenter of current affairs programme, Target, on BSkyB. Member, select cttee on Treasury and Civil Service, 1979-87. Joint vice-chair, all-party media parly group; joint sec, photography group; joint chair, British Iceland group. Vice-chair, E Midlands group of Lab MPs, 1986-90. Associate editor, House Magazine. Journalist, Yorkshire Television, 1969-71 and 1973-77; presenter, BBC current affairs group, 1972-73. Fellow, Ind and Parly Trust. Lecturer in history, Univ of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1959-63; senior lecturer in politics, Univ of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ, 1963-67. Member, NUJ; sponsored by GMB.

GREAT YARMOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,625 (68,334)		%Votes
Wright, T (Lab)	26,084	53.36
*Carttiss, M (C)	17,416	35.63
Wood, D (LD)	5,381	11.01
Lab Majority	**8,668**	**17.73**

Total Vote 48,881 Turnout 71.23%
Swing C to Lab 13.86

1992: Total Vote 53,210 (77.87%) - C 25,505 (47.93%); Lab 20,196 (37.96%); LD 7,225 (13.58%); NLP 284 (0.53%); C Maj 5,309 (9.98%).

Tony Wright, b Aug 12, 1954. Director of Great Yarmouth tourist authority. Great Yarmouth borough cllr (leader).

GREENWICH & WOOLWICH
Lab hold

Electorate 61,352 (66,051)		%Votes
+Raynsford, W R N (Lab)	25,630	63.44
Mitchell, M (C)	7,502	18.57
Luxton, C (LD)	5,049	12.50
Ellison, D (Ref)	1,670	4.13
Mallone, R (Fellowship)	428	1.06
Martin-Eagle, D (Constit)	124	0.31
Lab Majority	**18,128**	**44.87**

Total Vote 40,403 Turnout 65.85%
Swing C to Lab 9.25

1992: Total Vote 46,984 (71.13%) - Lab 20,951 (44.59%); LD 16,478 (35.07%); C 8,565 (18.23%); Other 990 (2.11%); Lab Maj 4,473 (9.52%).

Nick Raynsford, b Jan 28, 1945. Regained Greenwich for Lab 1992; MP for Fulham, 1986-87. Lab spokesman on housing 1994 and on London 1993. Member, select cttees on environment, 1992-93; on Channel Tunnel Bill 1986-87. Joint sec, all-party photography parly group. Hammersmith and Fulham cllr 1971-75. Consultant to Housing Assoc Consultancy and Advisory Service 1993-; member (unpaid), advisory board, Building magazine; dir, Raynsford Dallison Associates, housing consultants, 1992-93; Raynsford and Morris, housing consultants, 1990-92 (partner 1987-90). Director of SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre, 1976-86, (research officer 1974-76, and emergency officer 1973-74). Gen sec, Soc for Co-op Dwellings, 1972-73; market research for A.C. Nielsen Co Ltd 1966-68. Member, TGWU.

GUILDFORD
C hold

Electorate 75,541 (76,323)		%Votes
St Aubyn, N (C)	24,230	42.54
Sharp, M (LD)	19,439	34.13
Burns, J (Lab)	9,945	17.46
Gore, J (Ref)	2,650	4.65
McWhirter, R (UK Ind)	400	0.70
Morris, J (Pacifist)	294	0.52
C Majority	**4,791**	**8.41**

Total Vote 56,958 Turnout 75.40%
Swing C to LD 7.05

1992: Total Vote 59,259 (77.64%) - C 32,820 (55.38%); LD 19,478 (32.87%); Lab 6,732 (11.36%); NLP 229 (0.39%); C Maj 13,342 (22.51%).

Nick St Aubyn, b Nov 19, 1955. Merchant banker. Contested Truro March 1987 by-election, also 1987 and 1992 general elections. Westminster cllr 1982-86. Ed Eton; Trinity Coll, Oxford.

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HACKNEY NORTH & STOKE NEWINGTON
Lab hold

Electorate 62,045 (65,005)		%Votes
*Abbott, D (Lab)	21,110	64.26
Lavender, M (C)	5,483	16.69
Taylor, D (LD)	3,806	11.59
Chong, Y (Green)	1,395	4.25
Maxwell, B (Ref)	544	1.66
Tolson, D (None)	368	1.12
Lovebucket, L (Rain Ref)	146	0.44
Lab Majority	**15,627**	**47.57**

Total Vote 32,852 Turnout 52.95%
Swing C to Lab 8.34

1992: Total Vote 34,724 (53.42%) - Lab 20,083 (57.84%); C 9,356 (26.94%); LD 3,996 (11.51%); Grn 1,111 (3.20%); NLP 178 (0.51%); Lab Maj 10,727 (30.89%).

Ms Diane Abbott, b Sept 27, 1953. Elected 1987. Member, Treasury select cttee 1989-; Lab Party NEC 1994-. Former press officer, Lambeth Borough Council; ex-civil servant and former employee of NCCL, Thames TV, Breakfast TV and ACTT. Westminster cllr 1982-86. Member, ACTT; NUJ.

HACKNEY SOUTH & SHOREDITCH
Lab hold

Electorate 61,728 (67,545)		%Votes
+Sedgemore, B (Lab)	20,048	59.41
Pantling, M (LD)	5,068	15.02
O'Leary, C (C)	4,494	13.32
Betts, T (N Lab)	2,436	7.22
Franklin, R (Ref)	613	1.82
Callow, G (BNP)	531	1.57
Goldman, M (Comm Brit)	298	0.88
Goldberg, M (NLP)	145	0.43
Rogers, B (WRP)	113	0.33
Lab Majority	**14,980**	**44.39**

Total Vote 33,746 Turnout 54.67%
Swing LD to Lab 3.00

1992: Total Vote 36,923 (54.68%) - Lab 19,702 (53.36%); C 10,699 (28.98%); LD 5,525 (14.96%); Grn 772 (2.09%); NLP 225 (0.61%); Lab Maj 9,003 (24.38%).

Brian Sedgemore, b March 17, 1937. Barrister. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Luton W Feb 1974-79. Member, Treasury select cttee, 1983-. PPS to Tony Benn 1977-78. Wandsworth cllr 1971-74. Researcher with Granada Television, 1979-83, and freelance journalist.

HALESOWEN & ROWLEY REGIS
Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,245 (68,414)		%Votes
Heal, S L (Lab)	26,366	54.07
Kennedy, J (C)	16,029	32.87
Todd, E (LD)	4,169	8.55
White, P (Ref)	1,244	2.55
Meads, K (Nat Dem)	592	1.21
Weller, T (Green)	361	0.74
Lab Majority	**10,337**	**21.20**

Total Vote 48,761 Turnout 73.61%
Swing C to Lab 10.71

1992: Total Vote 54,323 (79.40%) - C 24,306 (44.74%); Lab 24,181 (44.51%); LD 5,384 (9.91%); Other 452 (0.83%); C Maj 125 (0.23%).

Mrs Sylvia Heal, b July 20, 1942. MP for Staffs Mid, 1990-92. Former Lab spokesman on health and dep speaker on women's issues 1991-92. Member, select cttee on ed, science and arts, 1990-91. Nat young carers officer, Carers Nat Assoc, 1992-. ASA council 1992-; exec council, SSAFA, 1990-91. Social worker, health service and Dept of Employment, 1968-70 and 1980-90; medical records clerk, Chester Royal Infirmary 1957-63.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

HALIFAX
Lab hold

Electorate 71,701 (74,055)		%Votes
*Mahon, A (Lab)	27,465	54.33
Light, R (C)	16,253	32.15
Waller, E (LD)	6,059	11.98
Whitaker, C (UK Ind)	779	1.54
Lab Majority	**11,212**	**22.18**

Total Vote 50,556 Turnout 70.51%
Swing C to Lab 10.67
1992: Total Vote 57,785 (78.00%) - Lab 25,115 (43.46%); C 24,637 (42.65%); LD 7,364 (12.75%); Nat 649 (1.12%); Lab Maj 478 (0.83%).

Mrs Alice Mahon, b Sept 28, 1937. Lecturer. Elected for this seat 1987. Member, health select cttee, 1991-; joint vice-chair, PLP health and personal social services cttee, 1989-. Joint chair, all-party breast cancer party group; sec, Brake (safe commercial transport) group. Lecturer at Bradford and Ilkley Community Coll. Calderdale borough cllr 1982-87; member, Calderdale health authority. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed local grammar school; Bradford Univ.

HALTEMPRICE & HOWDEN
C hold

Electorate 65,602 (64,046)		%Votes
+Davis, D (C)	21,809	44.01
Wallis, D (LD)	14,295	28.85
McManus, G (Lab)	11,701	23.61
Pearson, T (Ref)	1,370	2.76
Bloom, G (UK Ind)	301	0.61
Stevens, B (NLP)	74	0.15
C Majority	**7,514**	**15.16**

Total Vote 49,550 Turnout 75.53%
Swing C to LD 9.48
1992: Total Vote 50,741 (79.23%) - C 30,085 (59.29%); LD 12,772 (25.17%); Lab 7,774 (15.32%); Other 110 (0.22%); C Maj 17,313 (34.12%).

***David Davis**, b Dec 23, 1948. MP for Boothferry 1987-97. Foreign Office Min 1994-97. Former PPS to Francis Maude; asst govt whip 1990-93; party Under Sec, Office of Public Service and Science, 1993-94. Chair, Conf of C Students, 1973. Ex-dir, Tate & Lyle. Ed Warwick Univ; London Business School; Harvard.*

HALTON
Lab hold

Electorate 64,987 (66,137)		%Votes
Twigg, J D (Lab)	31,497	70.88
Balmer, P (C)	7,847	17.66
Jones, J (LD)	3,263	7.34
Atkins, R (Ref)	1,036	2.33
Proffitt, D (Lib)	600	1.35
Alley, J (Rep GB)	196	0.44
Lab Majority	**23,650**	**53.22**

Total Vote 44,439 Turnout 68.38%
Swing C to Lab 11.94
1992: Total Vote 50,925 (76.94%) - Lab 30,363 (59.62%); C 15,426 (30.29%); LD 4,499 (8.83%); Loony 343 (0.67%); NLP 294 (0.58%); Lab Maj 14,937 (29.33%).

Derek Twigg, b July 9, 1959. Political consultant, previously civil servant, Dept for Ed and Employment. Chair, Halton CLP, 1985-95; member, Labour NW-regional exec cttee, 1988-92. Cheshire cllr 1981-85; Halton cllr 1983-. Ed Bankfield HS; Halton Coll of FE, Widnes.

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
Lab gain from C

Electorate 78,637 (72,731)		%Votes
Coleman, I (Lab)	25,262	46.76
+Carrington, M H M (C)	21,420	39.65
Sugden, A (LD)	4,728	8.75
Bremner, M (Ref)	1,023	1.89
Johnson-Smith, W (N Lab)	695	1.29
Streeter, E (Green)	562	1.04
Roberts, G (UK Ind)	183	0.34
Phillips, A (NLP)	79	0.15
Elston, A (Care)	74	0.14
Lab Majority	**3,842**	**7.11**

Total Vote 54,026 Turnout 68.70%
Swing C to Lab 10.06
1992: Total Vote 55,173 (75.86%) - C 28,487 (51.63%); Lab 21,313 (38.63%); LD 4,553 (8.25%); Other 820 (1.49%); C Maj 7,174 (13.00%).

Iain Coleman, b Jan 18, 1958. Local govt administrator. Hammersmith and Fulham borough cllr 1991- (leader 1991-). Vice-chair, Assoc of London Authorities, 1992. Ed .

HAMPSHIRE EAST
C hold

Electorate 76,604 (73,748)		%Votes
+Mates, M (C)	27,927	48.04
Booker, R (LD)	16,337	28.11
Hoyle, R (Lab)	9,945	17.11
Hayter, J (Ref)	2,757	4.74
Foster, I (Green)	649	1.12
Coles, S (UK Ind)	513	0.88
C Majority	**11,590**	**19.94**

Total Vote 58,128 Turnout 75.88%
Swing C to LD 6.60
1992: Total Vote 59,318 (80.43%) - C 35,960 (60.62%); LD 16,303 (27.48%); Lab 5,605 (9.45%); Grn 1,263 (2.13%); RCC 188 (0.32%); C Maj 19,657 (33.14%).

Michael Mates, b June 9, 1934. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Petersfield, 1974-83. Min of State for N Ireland 1992-93. Chair, defence select cttee, 1987-92, member 1979-92; member, intelligence and security select cttee, 1992-97. Joint vice-chair, all-party arts and heritage party group. Chair (1987-88) and vice-chair (1979-87), C backbench home affairs cttee; sec (1974-79) and vice-chair (1979-81), C backbench N Ireland cttee; chair, all-party Anglo-Irish group, 1979-92. Joint sec, 1922 Cttee, 1987-88. Member, British-Irish Inter-Party Body. Dir, ABS Hovercraft Ltd, design and manufacture of hovercraft; party consultant to Interleak (UK) Ltd, computer software co. Adviser on defence matters (no party involvement) to ABS Aircraft AG, Swiss hovercraft maker; to managing partner of T.E. Bergman & Partners, a Newcastle public affairs consultancy; Matra Hachette, France. Army officer 1954-74. Master, Farriers' Co, 1986-87; liveryman from 1975, the year he piloted through Farriers Registration Act. Ed Blundell's; King's Coll, Cambridge.

HAMPSHIRE NORTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 69,111 (65,880)		%Votes
+Arbuthnot, J N (C)	26,017	50.90
Mann, I (LD)	11,619	22.73
Dare, P (Lab)	8,203	16.05
Rees, D (Ref)	2,420	4.73
Jessavala, K (Ind)	2,400	4.70
Berry, C (UK Ind)	452	0.88
C Majority	**14,398**	**28.17**

Total Vote 51,111 Turnout 73.95%
Swing C to LD 5.37
1992: *Total Vote* 52,785 (80.12%) - C 33,782 (64.00%); LD 13,242 (25.09%); Lab 4,854 (9.20%); Other 907 (1.72%); C Maj 20,540 (38.91%).

James Arbuthnot, b Aug 4, 1952. Non-practising barrister. MP for Wanstead and Woodford 1987-97; contested Cynon Valley 1983 and 1984 by-election. Defence Procurement Min 1995-97; Under Sec for Social Security 1994-95; asst gvt whip 1992-94; PPS to Peter Lilley, when Trade and Industry Sec, 1990-92; PPS to Archie Hamilton, Armed Forces Min, 1988-90. Pres, Cynon Valley C assoc, 1983-92. Kensington and Chelsea cllr 1978-87. Member of Lloyd's. Ed Wellesley House, Broadstairs; Eton; Trinity Coll, Cambridge.

HAMPSHIRE NORTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 73,222 (7,095)		%Votes
+Young, Sir G S K (C)	24,730	45.24
Fleming, C (LD)	13,179	24.11
Mumford, M (Lab)	12,900	23.60
Callaghan, P (Ref)	1,533	2.80
Rolt, T (UK Ind)	1,383	2.53
Baxter, B (Green)	486	0.89
Anscomb, H (Bypass)	231	0.42
Dodd, B (Ind)	225	0.41
C Majority	**11,551**	**21.13**

Total Vote 54,667 Turnout 74.66%
Swing C to LD 4.47
1992: Total Vote 57,087 (804.61%) - C 33,154 (58.08%); LD 15,990 (28.01%); Lab 7,175 (12.57%); Grn 768 (1.35%); C Maj 17,164 (30.07%).

Sir George Young, b July 16, 1941. MP for Ealing Acton, Feb 1974-97. Joined Cabinet 1995 as Transport Sec; Financial Sec to Treasury 1994-95; Min for Housing and *Planning* at DoE 1990-94; gvt whip 1990. Under Sec for Environment 1981-86; for Health and Social Security 1979-81. Opposition whip, 1976-79. Member, PAC, 1994-95. Pres, all-party friends of cycling party group. Chair, C backbench social security cttee, 1989-90. Member, select cttee on violence in marriage, 1975. GLC cllr 1970-73; Lambeth cllr 1968-71. Economic adviser, Post Office, 1969-74. Economist, Non-exec dir, Lovell Partnerships Ltd, 1987-90. Trustee, Guinness Trust, 1986-90. Ed Eton; Christ Church, Oxford.

HAMPSTEAD AND HIGHGATE
Lab hold

Electorate 64,889 (62,954)		%Votes
+Jackson, G (Lab)	25,275	57.40
Gibson, E (C)	11,991	27.23
Fox, B (LD)	5,481	12.45
Siddique, M (Ref)	667	1.51
Leslie, J (NLP)	147	0.33
Carroll, R (Dream)	141	0.32
Prince, P (UK Ind)	123	0.28
Harris, R (Hum)	105	0.24
Rizz, C (Rizz)	101	0.23
Lab Majority	**13,284**	**30.17**

Total Vote 44,031 Turnout 67.88%
Swing C to Lab 12.37
1992: Total Vote 45,569 (72.38%) - Lab 21,059 (46.21%); C 18,582 (40.78%); LD 5,028 (11.03%); Grn 653 (1.43%); NLP 102 (0.22%); Scallywag 52 (0.11%); Raver 52 (0.11%); Rizz 41 (0.09%); Lab Maj 2,477 (5.44%).

Ms Glenda Jackson, b May 9, 1936. Stage, film and television actress. Gained this seat for Lab 1992. Joint sec, all-party film industry party group. Pres, Play Matters, 1976-. Unpaid dir, Bowden Prods Ltd, film production co. Repertory company actress 1957-63; stage manager, Crewe Rep; joined Royal Shakespeare Co 1963. Awarded Oscars in 1971 and 1974 for her performances in Women in Love and A Touch of Class; best film actress awards from Variety Club of GB, New York Film Critics, and US Nat Society of Film Critics. Member, Equity; sponsored by Aslef 1992. Ed West Kirby County GS for Girls; RADA.

HARBOROUGH
C hold

Electorate 70,424 (68,122)		%Votes
+Garnier, E (C)	22,170	41.82
Cox, M (LD)	15,646	29.52
Holden, N (Lab)	13,332	25.15
Wright, N (Ref)	1,859	3.51
C Majority	**6,524**	**12.31**

Total Vote 53,007 Turnout 75.27%
Swing C to LD 2.99
1992: Total Vote 55,514 (81.49%) - C 29,274 (52.73%); LD 19,122 (34.45%); Lab 6,828 (12.30%); NLP 290 (0.52%); C Maj 10,152 (18.29%).

Edward Garnier, b Oct 26, 1952. Barrister. Elected 1992; contested Hemsworth 1987. PPS to Attorney-General and Solicitor-General and previously to FCO mins of state. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1992-95. Sec, C backbench foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee, 1992-94. Member, Soc of C Lawyers. Ed Wellington Coll, Berkshire; Jesus Coll, Oxford; Coll of Law, London.

HARLOW
Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,072 (65,004)		%Votes
Rammell, B (Lab)	25,861	54.09
+Hayes, J (C)	15,347	32.10
Spenceley, L (LD)	4,523	9.46
Wells, M (Ref)	1,422	2.97
Batten, G (UK Ind)	340	0.71
Bowles, J (BNP)	319	0.67
Lab Majority	**10,514**	**21.99**

Total Vote 47,812 Turnout 74.62%
Swing C to Lab 12.57
1992: Total Vote 53,451 (82.23%) - C 24,568 (45.96%); Lab 22,881 (42.81%); LD 6,002 (11.23%); C Maj 1,687 (3.16%).

Bill Rammell, b Oct 10, 1959. General manager of univ student services. Contested this seat 1992. Member MSF; Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform. Ed Burnt Hill Comp, Harlow; Univ Coll, Cardiff (pres, students' union 1982-83).

HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH
LD gain from C

Electorate 65,155 (65,257)		%Votes
Willis, P (LD)	24,558	51.54
+Lamont, N S H (C)	18,322	38.45
Boyce, B (Lab)	4,159	8.73
Blackburn, J (LC)	614	1.29
LD Majority	**6,236**	**13.09**

Total Vote 47,653 Turnout 73.14%
Swing C to LD 15.75
1992: Total Vote 50,042 (76.68%) - C 25,909 (51.77%); LD 16,698 (33.37%); Lab 6,777 (13.54%); Other 658 (1.31%); C Maj 9,211 (18.41%).

Phil Willis, b Nov 30, 1941. Head teacher. Dep leader, N Yorkshire *County Council, 1993-; Harrogate* borough cllr 1988- (leader 1990-). Ed Burnley GS; City of Leeds and Carnegie Coll; Birmingham Univ.

HARROW EAST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,846 (77,203)		%Votes
McNulty, T (Lab)	29,927	52.52
+Dykes, H (C)	20,189	35.43
Sharma, B (LD)	4,697	8.24
Casey, B (Ref)	1,537	2.70
Scholefield, A (UK Ind)	464	0.81
Planton, A (NLP)	171	0.30
Lab Majority	**9,738**	**17.09**

Total Vote 56,985 Turnout 71.37%
Swing C to Lab 18.09
1992: Total Vote 59,738 (77.38%) - C 31,624 (52.94%); Lab 20,219 (33.85%); LD 6,471 (10.83%); Lib 1,160 (1.94%); NLP 215 (0.36%); Anti-Fed 49 (0.08%); C Maj 11,405 (19.09%).

Tony McNulty, b Nov 3, 1958. Senior poly lecturer. Contested this seat 1992. Harrow borough cllr 1986- (dep leader, Lab group). Sec, Greater London Lab exec, 1987-90. Member, NATFHE. Ed Salvatorian Coll, Harrow; Stanmore Sixth-Form Coll; Liverpool Univ; Virginia Poly Inst and State Univ.

HARROW WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,005 (70,781)		%Votes
Thomas, G (Lab)	21,811	41.54
*Hughes, R (C)	20,571	39.18
Nandhra, P (LD)	8,127	15.48
Crossman, H (Ref)	1,997	3.80
Lab Majority	**1,240**	**2.36**

Total Vote 52,506 Turnout 72.92%
Swing C to Lab 17.52
1992: Total Vote 54,760 (77.37%) - C 30,227 (55.20%); Lab 12,337 (22.53%); LD 11,045 (20.17%); Lib 845 (1.54%); NLP 306 (0.56%); C Maj 17,890 (32.67%).

Gareth Thomas, b July 15, 1967. Teacher. Harrow cllr since 1990 (Lab group whip). Vice-chair, Assoc of Local Govt Social Services Cttee. Member, NUT; Fabian Soc; Co-op Party; SERA. Ed Univ Coll of Wales, Aberystwyth; King's Coll London.

HARTLEPOOL
Lab hold

Electorate 67,712 (68,761)		%Votes
*Mandelson, P (Lab)	26,997	60.73
Horsley, M (C)	9,489	21.35
Clark, R (LD)	6,248	14.06
Henderson, M (Ref)	1,718	3.86
Lab Majority	**17,508**	**39.39**

Total Vote 44,452 Turnout 65.65%
Swing C to Lab 11.26
1992: Total Vote 51,710 (75.20%) - Lab 26,816 (51.86%); C 18,034 (34.88%); LD 6,860 (13.27%); Lab Maj 8,782 (16.98%).

Peter Mandelson, b Oct 21, 1953. Elected 1992. Responsible for Labour planning in 1997 general election. Member of John Prescott's team 1995 shadowing Dep Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Public Service Minister; formerly Mr Prescott's Lab campaign deputy. Lab whip 1994-95. Lab Party director of campaigns and communications *1985-90. Campaign officer*, Northern group of Lab MPs. Treas, British-Spanish group; joint vice-chair, Inter-party Council against Anti-Semitism; sec, all-party Friends of Music group. Lambeth cllr 1979-82. Member, International advisory cttee, Centre for European Policy Studies, 1993-. Trustee, Whitechapel Art Gallery, 1994-; industrial consultant, SRU Group, 1990-92; producer, London Weekend Television, 1982-85. Chair, British Youth Council, 1978-80. Member, economics dept, TUC, 1977-88; GMB; NUJ. Ed Hendon Senior HS; St Catherine's Coll, Oxford.

HARWICH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,775 (74,676)		%Votes
Henderson, I (Lab)	20,740	38.78
+Sproat, I (C)	19,524	36.48
Elvin, A (LD)	7,037	13.15
Titford, J (Ref)	4,923	9.20
Knight, R (CRP)	1,290	2.41
Lab Majority	**1,216**	**2.27**

Total Vote 53,514 Turnout 70.62%
Swing C to Lab 14.61
1992: Total Vote 58,862 (76.14%) - C 29,372 (51.65%); Lab 14,047 (24.70%); LD 13,187 (23.19%); NLP 256 (0.45%); C Maj 15,325 (26.95%).

Ivan Henderson, b June 17, 1958. Union organiser, ex-dock operator in Harwich. Harwich district cllr 1995-. Exec officer NUR/RMT 1991-94. Ed Sir Anthony Dean Comp.

HASTINGS & RYE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,388 (73,152)		%Votes
Foster, M (Lab)	16,867	34.37
*Lait, J (C)	14,307	29.16
Palmer, M (LD)	13,717	27.95
McGovern, C (Ref)	2,511	5.12
Amstad, J (Lib)	1,046	2.13
Andrews, W (UK Ind)	472	0.96
Howell, D (Loony)	149	0.30
Lab Majority	**2,560**	**5.22**

Total Vote 49,069 Turnout 69.71%
Swing C to Lab 18.52
1992: Total Vote 53,778 (73.52%) - C 25,573 (47.55%); LD 18,939 (35.22%); Lab 8,458 (15.73%); Grn 640 (1.19%); Loony 168 (0.31%); C Maj 6,634 (12.34%).

Michael Foster, b Feb 26, 1946. Solicitor. Contested Hastings in Feb and Oct 1974, and 1979. Ex-leader of Lab group on Hastings Council and ex-East Sussex county cllr. Dep Lieutenant of East Sussex 1993. Member, Fabian Soc; Christian Socialist Movement; Methodist Church; Soc of Lab Lawyers. Qualified FA referee. Ed Hastings Secondary; Hastings GS; Leicester Univ.

HAVANT
C hold

Electorate 68,420 (68,530)		%Votes
+Willetts, D (C)	19,204	39.74
Armstrong, L (Lab)	15,475	32.02
Kooner, M (LD)	10,806	22.36
Green, T (Ref)	2,395	4.96
Atwal, M (BIPF)	442	0.91
C Majority	**3,729**	**7.72**

Total Vote 48,322 Turnout 70.63%
Swing C to Lab 12.69
1992: Total Vote 52,936 (77.25%) - C 27,981 (52.86%); LD 13,812 (26.09%); Lab 10,465 (19.77%); Grn 678 (1.28%); C Maj 14,169 (26.77%).

David Willetts, b March 9, 1956. Author. Chair, C research dept since 1996 after resigning as Paymaster General. Elected for this seat 1992. Public Service and Science Min 1995-96, working in Cabinet Office with Dep Prime Minister. Govt whip 1995; asst govt whip 1994-95. PPS to Chair of C Party 1993-94; research asst to Nigel Lawson 1978. Senior Treasury official 1978-84; member, PM's Downing St policy unit, 1984-86. Director of studies, Centre for Policy Studies, 1987-92; consultant director, C research dept, 1987-92. Dir, Retirement Security Ltd, 1988-94; Electra Corporate Ventures Ltd *1988-94. Member, social security* advisory cttee, 1989-92; Parkside HA 1988-90; Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark family practitioner cttee 1987-90. Ed King Edward's, Birmingham; Christ Church, Oxford.

HAYES & HARLINGTON
Lab gain from C

Electorate 56,829 (58,665)		%Votes
McDonnell, J (Lab)	25,458	61.96
Retter, A (C)	11,167	27.18
Little, T (LD)	3,049	7.42
Page, F (Ref)	778	1.89
Hutchins, J (NF)	504	1.23
Farrow, D (ANP)	135	0.33
Lab Majority	**14,291**	**34.78**

Total Vote 41,091 Turnout 72.31%
Swing C to Lab 17.44
1992: Total Vote 43,455 (74.07%) - C 19,511 (44.90%); Lab 19,467 (44.80%); LD 4,477 (10.30%); C Maj 44 (0.10%).

John McDonnell, b Sept 8, 1951. Contested this seat 1992 and Hampstead and Highgate 1983. Editor, Labour Herald, 1985-88. Sec, Assoc of London Authorities, 1987-95; Assoc of London Government 1995-. GLC cllr 1981-86 (dep leader, Lab group). Principal policy adviser, Camden Council, 1985-87. Ed Great Yarmouth GS; Burnley Tech Coll; Brunel Univ; Birkbeck Coll, London Univ.

HAZEL GROVE
LD gain from C

Electorate 63,694 (65,343)		%Votes
Stunell, A (LD)	26,883	54.49
Murphy, B (C)	15,069	30.54
Lewis, J (Lab)	5,882	11.92
Stanyer, J (Ref)	1,055	2.14
Black, G (UK Ind)	268	0.54
Firkin-Flood, D (Ind Hum)	183	0.37
LD Majority	**11,814**	**23.94**

Total Vote 49,340 Turnout 77.46%
Swing C to LD 12.82
1992: Total Vote 54,623 (83.59%) - C 24,479 (44.81%); LD 23,550 (43.11%); Lab 6,390 (11.70%); NLP 204 (0.37%); C Maj 929 (1.70%).

Andrew Stunell, b Nov 24, 1942. Special projects officer, ASLDC, the Lib Dem cllrs' organisation. Contested this seat 1992; City of Chester for L/All 1987 and 1983, and for Libs 1979. North West regional spokesman on *international issues*. Chair, LD working party on local gvt; member, English policy cttee. Chester city cllr 1979-90; Cheshire county cllr 1981-91; vice-chair, ACC, 1985-90. Member, Nalgo, 1967-81; staff side member, Whitley Council for New Towns, 1977-80. Former Baptist lay preacher. Ed Surbiton GS; Manchester Univ; Liverpool Poly.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 71,468 (71,471)		%Votes
McWalter, T (Lab Co-op)	25,175	45.70
+Jones, R (C)	21,539	39.10
Lindsley, P (LD)	6,789	12.32
Such, P (Ref)	1,327	2.41
Harding, D (NLP)	262	0.48
Lab Co-op Majority	**3,636**	**6.60**

Total Vote 55,092 Turnout 77.08%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 58,656 (82.07%) - C 29,248 (49.86%); Lab 19,080 (32.53%); LD 9,005 (15.35%); Other 1,313 (2.24%); C Maj 10,158 (17.32%).

Tony McWalter, b March 20, 1945. Lecturer in philosophy and computing. Contested Luton N 1992; St Albans 1987; Bedfordshire South in 1989 Euro elections and Hertfordshire in 1984 Euro elections. St Albans dist cllr 1979-83. Ed Univ Coll of Wales, Aberystwyth; McMaster Univ, Canada; University Coll, Oxford.

HEMSWORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 66,964 (68,411)		%Votes
+*Trickett, J (Lab)*	32,088	70.56
Hazell, N (C)	8,096	17.80
Kirby, M S J (LD)	4,033	8.87
Irvine, D (Ref)	1,260	2.77
Lab Majority	**23,992**	**52.76**

Total Vote 45,477 Turnout 67.91%
Swing C to Lab 7.37
1992: Total Vote 52,081 (76.13%) - Lab 33,229 (63.80%); C 13,428 (25.78%); LD 5,424 (10.41%); Lab Maj 19,801 (38.02%).

Jon Trickett, b July 2, 1950. Ex-builder and plumber. Won Feb 1996 by-election and appointed to Unopposed Bills panel. Leader, Leeds City Council, 1989-; member since 1985. Chair, Leeds City Development Co, 1989-; board member, Leeds Development Corp, 1992-; Leeds Health Care, 1992-. Member, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority. Dir, Leeds/Bradford Airport; Leeds Playhouse; Leeds Theatre Co, all since 1988. Ed Hull and Leeds Univs.

HENDON
Lab gain from C

Electorate 76,195 (72,591)		%Votes
Dismore, A (Lab)	24,683	49.33
+Gorst, Sir J M (C)	18,528	37.03
Casey, W (LD)	5,427	10.85
Rabbow, S (Ref)	978	1.95
Wright, B (UK Ind)	267	0.53
Taylor, S (WRP)	153	0.31
Lab Majority	**6,155**	**12.30**

Total Vote 50,036 Turnout 65.67%
Swing C to Lab 16.21
1992: Total Vote 53,918 (74.28%) - C 28,916 (53.63%); Lab 18,068 (33.51%); LD 6,289 (11.66%); Other 645 (1.20%); C Maj 10,848 (20.12%).

Andrew Dismore, b Sept 2, 1954. Solicitor. Westminster city cllr 1982- (leader, Lab group, 1990-). Member, Fabian Soc; Co-op Party; GMB. Ed Bridlington GS; Warwick Univ; LSE; Guildford Coll of Law.

HENLEY
C hold

Electorate 66,424 (66,340)		%Votes
+Heseltine, M (C)	23,908	46.38
Horton, T (LD)	12,741	24.72
Enright, D (Lab)	11,700	22.70
Sainsbury, S (Ref)	2,299	4.46
Miles, S (Green)	514	1.00
Barlow, N (NLP)	221	0.43
Hibbert, T (Whig)	160	0.31
C Majority	**11,167**	**21.67**

Total Vote 51,543 Turnout 77.60%
Swing C to LD 7.21
1992: Total Vote 52,777 (79.56%) - C 31,651 (59.97%); LD 12,608 (23.89%); Lab 7,802 (14.78%); Anti H 438 (0.83%); NLP 278 (0.53%); C Maj 19,043 (36.08%).

Michael Heseltine, b March 21, 1933. First Secretary of State and Deputy Prime Minister 1995-97; President of the Board of Trade (Trade and Industry Secretary) 1992-95. Elected for Henley, Feb 1974; MP for Tavistock 1966-74; contested Coventry N 1964, and Gower 1959. Environment Sec 1990-92, being appointed after contesting party leadership 1990. Defence Sec 1983-Jan 1986, when he resigned over future of Westland helicopter company. Environment Sec 1979-83. Aerospace and Shipping Min 1972-74; Junior Min at Environment and Transport 1970-72. Formerly property developer and publisher. Chairman, Haymarket Press, 1966-70, and dir 1974-79. Member, council of Zoological Soc of London, 1987-90. Ed Shrewsbury School; Pembroke Coll, Oxford (Hon Fellow 1986; pres of Union 1954).

HEREFORD
LD gain from C

Electorate 69,864 (69,057)		%Votes
Keetch, P (LD)	25,198	47.95
+Shepherd, Sir C (C)	18,550	35.30
Chappell, C (Lab)	6,596	12.55
Easton, C (Ref)	2,209	4.20
LD Majority	**6,648**	**12.65**

Total Vote 52,553 Turnout 75.22%
Swing C to LD 9.15
1992: Total Vote 55,777 (80.77%) - C 26,217 (47.00%); LD 26,063 (41.35%); Lab 5,910 (10.60%); Grn 587 (1.05%); C Maj 3,154 (5.65%).

Paul Keetch, b May 21, 1961. Political consultant, specialising in Eastern European matters. Hereford city cllr 1983-87. Member, Charter 88. Ed Hereford HS; Hereford Sixth-Form Coll.

HERTFORD & STORTFORD
C hold

Electorate 71,759 (70,578)		%Votes
+Wells, B (C)	24,027	44.04
Speller, S (Lab)	17,142	31.42
Wood, M (LD)	9,679	17.74
Page Croft, H (Ref)	2,105	3.86
Smalley, B (UK Ind)	1,223	2.24
Franey, M (ProLife)	259	0.47
Molloy, D (Logic)	126	0.23
C Majority	**6,885**	**12.62**

Total Vote 54,561 Turnout 76.03%
Swing C to Lab 13.51
1992: Total Vote 58,539 (80.11%) - C 31,942 (56.50%); LD 14,406 (25.48%); Lab 9,529 (16.85%); Grn 660 (1.17%); C Maj 17,534 (31.01%).

Bowen Wells, b Aug 4, 1935. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Hertford and Stevenage 1979-83. Gvt whip 1995-97; asst whip 1994-95. PPS to Transport Min 1992-94. Member, select cttees on Euro legislation, 1983-92; foreign affairs 1981-92. Sec, all-party overseas development group, 1984-94; ex-chair, Caribbean group. Sec, C backbench environment cttee, 1991-92; joint sec, C trade and industry cttee, 1988-90, 1984-87 and 1979-81, and vice-chair, 1983-84. Member exec cttee CPA; exec cttee, UK branch, CPA, 1984-. Trustee, Industry and Parliament Trust, 1985-. Governor, Inst of Development Studies, 1980-94. Senior exec, Commonwealth Development Corp, 1961-73. Ed St Paul's School, London; Exeter Univ; Regent Street Poly School of Management.

HERTFORDSHIRE NORTH EAST
C hold

Electorate 67,161 (65,875)		%Votes
+Heald, O (C)	21,712	41.76
Gibbons, I (Lab)	18,624	35.82
Jarvis, S (LD)	9,493	18.26
Grose, J (Ref)	2,166	4.17
C Majority	**3,088**	**5.94**

Total Vote 51,995 Turnout 77.42%
Swing C to Lab 12.23
1992: Total Vote 55,949 (84.93%) - C 28,911 (51.67%); LD 14,775 (26.41%); Lab 11,908 (21.28%); Other 355 (0.63%); C Maj 14,136 (25.27%).

Oliver Heald, b Dec 15 1954. Barrister. MP for Hertfordshire N 1992-97; contested Southwark and Bermondsey 1987. Appointed junior Social Security Min 1995; PPS to Min of Ag, Fish and Food, 1994-95. Member, employment select cttee, 1992-94. Vice-chair, C backbench employment cttee, 1992-94. Vice-pres, Herts N C assoc and chair, 1984-86; Former member, C eastern area exec cttee. Ed Reading School; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge.

HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 71,671 (68,566)		%Votes
+Page, R (C)	25,462	45.95
Wilson, M (Lab)	15,441	27.87
Shaw, A (LD)	12,381	22.34
Millward, T (Ref)	1,853	3.34
Adamson, C (NLP)	274	0.49
C Majority	**10,021**	**18.08**

Total Vote 55,411 Turnout 77.31%
Swing C to Lab 11.85
1992: Total Vote 57,747 (84.22%) - C 34,189 (59.20%); LD 13,034 (22.57%); Lab 10,062 (17.42%); NLP 462 (0.80%); C Maj 21,155 (36.63%).

Richard Page, b Feb 22, 1941. Won this seat at 1979 by-election; MP for Workington 1976-79 and contested that seat in Feb and Oct 1974. *Appointed DTI junior min in 1995.* PPS to John Biffen, when Commons leader, 1982-87 and Trade Sec 1981-82. Joint vice-chair, C backbench trade and industry cttee, 1988-95. Member, PAC, 1987-95. Hon treas, Leukaemia Research Fund, 1987-95. Director of family engineering co, Page Holdings Ltd, 1964-95. Ed Hurstpierpoint Coll; Luton Tech Coll.

HERTSMERE
C hold

Electorate 68,011 (66,079)		%Votes
+Clappison, J (C)	22,305	44.30
Kelly, B (Lab)	19,230	38.19
Gray, A (LD)	6,466	12.84
Marlow, J (Ref)	1,703	3.38
Saunders, R (UK Ind)	453	0.90
Kahn, N (NLP)	191	0.38
C Majority	**3,075**	**6.11**

Total Vote 50,348 Turnout 74.03%
Swing C to Lab 15.10
1992: Total Vote 52,523 (79.49%) - C 30,439 (57.95%); Lab 11,373 (21.65%); LD 10,364 (19.73%); NLP 347 (0.66%); C Maj 19,066 (36.30%).

James Clappison, b Sept 14, 1956. Barrister and farmer. Retained this seat for C in 1992; contested both Bootle by-elections 1990; Barnsley E 1987, and Yorkshire South in 1989 Euro elections. Junior Environment Min 1995-97; ex-PPS to Lady Blatch, Home Office Mir. Member, select cttee on members' interests, 1992-95. Ed St Peter's School, York; Queen's Coll, Oxford; Central London Poly; Gray's Inn.

HEXHAM
C hold

Electorate 58,914 (58,038)		%Votes
*Atkinson, P (C)	17,701	38.76
McMinn, I (Lab)	17,479	38.27
Carr, P (LD)	7,959	17.43
Waddell, R (Ref)	1,362	2.98
Lott, D (UK Ind)	1,170	2.56
C Majority	**222**	**0.49**

Total Vote 45,671 Turnout 77.52%
Swing C to Lab 13.87
1992: Total Vote 47,621 (82.05%) - C 24,967 (52.43%); Lab 11,529 (24.21%); LD 10,344 (21.72%); Grn 781 (1.64%); C Maj 13,438 (28.22%).

Peter Atkinson, b Jan 19, 1943. Elected 1992. Journalist. Member, select cttees on Euro legislation and Scottish affairs, 1992-97; deregulation 1995-97. PPS to Foreign Office mins 1995-96. Joint *vice-chair, 1994-95, and previously* sec, C backbench ag, fish and food cttee; vice-chair, all-party forestry group. Wandsworth cllr 1978-82; Suffolk county cllr 1989-92. Journalist with London Evening Standard 1961-81 (news editor 1973-81). Joined S London Guardian Group and was chair, Southern Free Press Group, and on board of Deben Journal, Suffolk, 1981-87. Dep director, British Field Sports Soc, 1987-92, becoming party and public affairs consultant to society. Ed Cheltenham Coll.

HEYWOOD & MIDDLETON
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 73,898 (74,759)		%Votes
Dobbin, J (Lab Co-op)	29,179	57.72
Grigg, S (C)	11,637	23.02
Clayton, D (LD)	7,908	15.64
West, C (Ref)	1,076	2.13
Burke, P (Lib)	750	1.48
Lab Co-op Majority	**17,542**	**34.70**

Total Vote 50,550 Turnout 68.41%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 9.90
1992: Total Vote 55,688 (74.49%) - Lab Co-op 25,885 (46.48%); C 17,591 (31.59%); LD 11,119 (19.97%); Lib 922 (1.66%); NLP 171 (0.31%); Lab Co-op Maj 8,294 (14.89%).

Jim Dobbin, b May 26, 1941. Contested Bury N 1992. Medical microbiologist. Dep leader, Rochdale Council; ex-chair, district Lab Party. Member, Rochdale HA; chair, Rochdale Credit Union. Fellow of Inst of Medical Laboratory Sciences. Member, MSF. Ed St Columbus HS, Cowdenbeath; St Andrews HS, Kirkcaldy.

HIGH PEAK
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,315 (71,205)		%Votes
Levitt, T (Lab)	29,052	50.83
+Hendry, C (C)	20,261	35.45
Barber, S (LD)	6,420	11.23
Hanson-Orr, C (Ref)	1,420	2.48
Lab Majority	**8,791**	**15.38**

Total Vote 57,153 Turnout 79.03%
Swing C to Lab 11.71
1992: Total Vote 59,907 (84.13%) - C 27,535 (45.96%); Lab 22,717 (37.92%); LD 8,861 (14.79%); Grn 794 (1.33%); C Maj 4,818 (8.04%).

Tom Levitt, b April 10, 1954. Research consultant, teacher and author. Contested this seat 1992; Cotswold in 1989 Euro elections *and Stroud 1987. Derbyshire* county cllr 1993-; Stroud district cllr 1989-92; Cirencester town cllr 1983-87. Chair, county NUT. Ed Westwood HS, Leek, Staffs; Lancaster and Oxford Univs.

HITCHEN & HARPENDEN
C hold

Electorate 67,219 (66,883)		%Votes
+Lilley, P B (C)	24,038	45.85
Sanderson, R (Lab)	17,367	33.13
White, C J (LD)	10,515	20.06
Cooke, D (NLP)	290	0.55
Horton, J (Soc)	217	0.41
C Majority	**6,671**	**12.72**

Total Vote 52,427 Turnout 77.99%
Swing C to Lab 15.42
1992: Total Vote 54,377 (81.30%) - C 33,402 (61.43%); LD 10,766 (19.80%); Lab 9,711 (17.86%); Other 498 (0.92%); C Maj 22,636 (41.63%).

Peter Lilley, b Aug 23 1943. Social Security Secretary 1992-97. MP for St Albans 1983-97; contested Haringey Tottenham Oct 1974. Trade and Industry Sec 1990-92; Financial Sec to the Treasury 1989-90; Economic Sec 1987-89. PPS to Nigel Lawson, Chancellor, 1984-87; to Lord Bellwin and William Waldegrave, Local Govt Mins, Jan-Oct 1984. Investment adviser on N Sea oil and other energy industries 1972-84; chair, London Oil Analysis Co, 1979-80; economic consultant in underdeveloped countries 1966-72. Fellow, Inst of Petroleum, since 1978. Consultant director, C research dept, 1979-83. Chair, Bow Group, 1972-75. Ed Dulwich Coll; Clare Coll, Cambridge.

HOLBORN & ST PANCRAS
Lab hold

Electorate 63,037 (60,803)		%Votes
+Dobson, F (Lab)	24,707	65.02
Smith, J L (C)	6,804	17.91
McGuinness, J (LD)	4,750	12.50
Carr, J (Ref)	790	2.08
Bedding, T (NLP)	191	0.50
Smith, S (JP)	173	0.46
Conway, B (WRP)	171	0.45
Rosenthal, M (Dream)	157	0.41
Rice-Evans, P (EUP)	140	0.37
Quintavalle, B (ProLife)	114	0.30
Lab Majority	**17,903**	**47.12**

Total Vote 37,997 Turnout 60.28%
Swing C to Lab 10.53
1992: Total Vote 37,560 (61.77%) - Lab 20,377 (54.25%); C 10,590 (28.19%); LD 5,213 (13.88%); Grn 895 (2.38%); NLP 198 (0.53%); Socialist 161 (0.43%); WAR 126 (0.34%); Lab Maj 9,787 (26.06%).

Frank Dobson, b March 15, 1940. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Holborn and St Pancras S 1979-83. Chief Lab spokesman on environment and London 1994-. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1987; chief spokesman on transport and London 1993-94; on employment 1992-93; energy 1989-92. Shadow Leader of Commons and campaigns co-ordinator 1987-89. Member, Commons Services Cttee, 1987-89; select cttee on televising Commons 1988-89; on environment 1979-81. Chief spokesman on health in frontbench DHSS team 1985-87, spokesman on education 1981-83. Chair, PLP Greater London group, 1983-87. Asst sec, local govt ombudsman's office 1975-79. Camden cllr 1971-76. Chair, NHS Unlimited, 1981-89; governor, Inst of Child Health, 1987-. Sponsored by RMT 1992. Ed Archbishop Holgate GS, York; LSE (a governor since 1986).

HORNCHURCH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,775 (61,507)		%Votes
Cryer, J (Lab)	22,066	50.22
*Squire, R (C)	16,386	37.29
Martins, R (LD)	3,446	7.84
Khilkoff-Boulding, R (Ref)	1,595	3.63
Trueman, J (Third)	259	0.59
Sowerby, J (ProLife)	189	0.43
Lab Majority	**5,680**	**12.93**

Total Vote 43,941 Turnout 72.30%
Swing C to Lab 15.95
1992: Total Vote 48,288 (78.51%) - C 25,817 (53.46%); Lab 16,652 (34.48%); LD 5,366 (11.11%); Soc Dem 453 (0.94%); C Maj 9,165 (18.98%).

John Cryer, b April 11, 1964. Journalist. Member, NUJ; Co-op Party; Euro safeguards cttee. Ed Oakbank School, Keighley; Hatfield Poly; London Coll of Printing. Son of the late Bob Cryer, Lab MP for Bradford S and former MEP, who died in a car crash 1994. His mother Ann Cryer gained Keighley.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN
Lab hold

Electorate 74,537 (74,198)		%Votes
*Roche, B (Lab)	31,792	61.75
Hart, H (C)	11,293	21.93
Featherstone, L (LD)	5,794	11.25
Jago, H (Green)	1,214	2.36
Miller, R (Ref)	808	1.57
Sikorski, P (Soc Lab)	586	1.14
Lab Majority	**20,499**	**39.81**

Total Vote 51,487 Turnout 69.08%
Swing C to Lab 15.26
1992: Total Vote 55,747 (75.13%) - Lab 27,020 (48.47%); C 21,843 (39.18%); LD 5,547 (9.95%); Gm 1,051 (1.89%); NLP 197 (0.35%); Rev Comm 89 (0.16%); Lab Maj 5,177 (9.29%).

Mrs Barbara Roche, b April 13, 1954. Non-practising barrister. Gained this seat for Lab 1992; contested it 1987, and Surrey SW *by-election 1984. Lab spokesman* on trade and industry 1995-, with responsibility for small businesses; Lab whip 1994-95. PPS to Margaret Beckett, party deputy leader, 1993-94. Worked for local authority on crime prevention; previously with SE London law centre. Former exec cttee member, NCCL. Member, Soc of Lab Lawyers. Chair, Battersea Lab Party, 1981-85. Ed Jewish Free School Comp, Camden; Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

HORSHAM
C hold

Electorate 75,432 (71,982)		%Votes
Maude, F A A (C)	29,015	50.76
Millson, M (LD)	14,153	24.76
Walsh, M (Lab)	10,691	18.70
Grant, R (Ref)	2,281	3.99
Miller, H (UK Ind)	819	1.43
Corbould, M (FEP)	206	0.36
C Majority	**14,862**	**26.00**

Total Vote 57,165 Turnout 75.78%
Swing C to LD 6.76
1992: Total Vote 57,409 (79.75%) - C 35,769 (62.31%); LD 13,078 (22.78%); Lab 6,858 (11.95%); Lib 938 (1.63%); Grn 520 (0.91%); PPP 246 (0.43%); C Maj 22,691 (39.53%).

Francis Maude, b July 4, 1953. Barrister. MP for Warwickshire N 1983-92. Chair, Gvt's deregulation task force, 1994-97. Financial Sec to Treasury 1990-92; Foreign Office Min for European matters, 1989-90; Corporate Affairs Min 1987-89; asst gvt whip 1985-87; PPS to Peter Morrison, Employment Min, 1984-85. Privy Counsellor 1992. Westminster cllr 1978-84. Board member, Asda group plc, 1992-; *Morgan Stanley International Inc*, 1993-; dir, Salomon Bros, 1992-93. Ed Abingdon School; Corpus Christi Coll, Cambridge.

HOUGHTON & WASHINGTON EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 67,343 (66,678)		%Votes
Kemp, F (Lab)	31,946	76.38
Booth, P (C)	5,391	12.89
Miller, K (LD)	3,209	7.67
Joseph, J (Ref)	1,277	3.05
Lab Majority	**26,555**	**63.49**

Total Vote 41,823 Turnout 62.10%
Swing C to Lab 9.11
1992: Total Vote 46,262 (69.38%) - Lab 30,995 (67.00%); C 10,046 (21.72%); LD 5,221 (11.29%), Lab Maj 20,949 (45.28%).

Fraser Kemp, b Sept 1, 1958. Full-time Lab Party official since 1980; ex-civil servant. Ed Washington Comp.

HOVE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,016 (69,287)		%Votes
Caplin, I (Lab)	21,458	44.59
Guy, R (C)	17,499	36.36
Pearce, T (LD)	4,645	9.65
Field, S (Ref)	1,931	4.01
Furness, J (Ind C)	1,735	3.61
Mulligan, P (Green)	644	1.34
Vause, J (UK Ind)	209	0.43
Lab Majority	**3,959**	**8.23**

Total Vote 48,121 Turnout 69.72%
Swing C to Lab 16.36
1992: *Total Vote* 50,089 (72.29%) - C 24,525 (48.96%); Lab 12,257 (24.47%); LD 9,709 (19.38%); Hove C 2,658 (5.31%); Grn 814 (1.63%); NLP 126 (0.25%); C Maj 12,268 (24.49%).

Ivor Caplin, b Nov 8, 1958. Sales and marketing quality manager. Hove borough cllr 1991- (leader 1995-); Brighton and Hove UA cllr 1996-. Chair, Hove CLP, 1986-92. Member, MSF; Co-op Party. Ed King Edward's School, Witley; Brighton Coll of Tech.

HUDDERSFIELD
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 65,824 (68,339)		%Votes
*Sheerman, B (Lab Co-op)	25,171	56.50
Forrow, W (C)	9,323	20.93
Beever, G (LD)	7,642	17.15
McNulty, P (Ref)	1,480	3.32
Phillips, J (Green)	938	2.11
Lab Co-op Majority	**15,848**	**35.57**

Total Vote 44,554 Turnout 67.69%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 10.36
1992: Total Vote 48,894 (71.55%) - Lab Co-op 23,832 (48.74%); C 16,574 (33.90%); LD 7,777 (15.91%); Gm 576 (1.18%); NLP 135 (0.28%); Lab Co-op Maj 7,258 (14.84%).

Barry Sheerman, b Aug 17 1940. Elected for this seat in 1983; MP for Huddersfield E 1979-83; contested Taunton, Oct 1974. Partner in Copiech (Co-operation technology development); lecturer and academic adviser to Cornell Univ, N London Univ and Beaver Coll, Pennsylvania. Labour spokesman on disabled people's rights, 1992-94; a spokesman on home affairs, 1988-92; on employment and education, 1983-88. Joint chair, all-party manufacturing industry group; joint vice-chair, university group; sec, sustainable waste management group, 1995-97. Chair and director, party advisory council for transport safety; director, Made in the UK Ltd; Democracy International Ltd; Urban Mines Ltd; Networking for Industry; trustee, Nat Children's Centre; chair, Nat Ed Research and Development Trust (all unpaid). Chair, International Cttee for Andean Aid, 1989-. Ed Hampton GS; Kingston Tech Coll; LSE; London Univ. Lecturer, Univ Coll of Swansea, 1966-79.

HULL EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 68,733 (69,666)		%Votes
*Prescott, J (Lab)	28,870	71.31
West, A (C)	5,552	13.71
Wastling, J (LD)	3,965	9.79
Rogers, G (Ref)	1,788	4.42
Nolan, M (ProLife)	190	0.47
Whitley, D (NLP)	121	0.30
Lab Majority	**23,318**	**57.60**

Total Vote 40,486 Turnout 58.90%
Swing C to Lab 9.04
1992: Total Vote 48,142 (69.10%) - Lab 30,396 (63.14%); C 11,373 (23.62%); LD 6,050 (12.57%); NLP 323 (0.67%). Lab Maj 19,023 (39.51%).

John Prescott, b May 31, 1938. Deputy Leader of Labour Party 1994-, the office he contested in 1992 and 1988. Elected in 1970; contested Southport 1966. Elected Lab NEC, 1989. Joined Shadow Cabinet in 1983 being spokesman on employment 1993-94 and 1984-87; on transport 1988-93 and 1983-84; energy, 1987-88; regional affairs 1981-83; transport 1979-81. MEP 1975-79 and leader of Lab delegation 1976-79. Member, Council of Europe, 1972-75. Official of Nat Union of Seamen 1968-70; steward on passenger vessels, Merchant Navy, 1955-63; trainee chef 1953-55. Sponsored by RMT 1992. Ed Grange Sec Mod, Ellesmere Port; Ruskin Coll Oxford; Hull Univ.

HULL NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 68,106 (72,473)		%Votes
*McNamara, K (Lab)	25,542	65.84
Lee, D (C)	5,837	15.05
Nolan, D (LD)	5,667	14.61
Scott, A (Ref)	1,533	3.95
Brotheridge, T (NLP)	215	0.55
Lab Majority	**19,705**	**50.79**

Total Vote 38,794 Turnout 56.96%
Swing C to Lab 9.24
1992: Total Vote 47,611 (65.69%) - Lab 26,619 (55.91%); C 11,235 (23.60%); LD 9,504 (19.96%); NLP 253 (0.53%); Lab Maj 15,384 (32.31%).

Kevin McNamara, b Sept 5, 1934. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Hull Central, Feb 1974-83, and for Hull N, 1966-74; contested Bridlington 1964. Lab spokesman on Civil Service 1994-95; on N Ireland 1987-94, on defence and disarmament 1982-87. Sec, all-party Anglo-Irish group; TGWU party group. Ex-chair, PLP N Ireland group. Lecturer in law. Member, UK delegation, N Atlantic Assembly, 1984-88. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby; Hull Univ.

HULL WEST & HESSLE
Lab hold

Electorate 65,840 (66,996)		%Votes
Johnson, A A (Lab)	22,520	58.72
Tress, R D (LD)	6,995	18.24
Moore, C (C)	6,933	18.08
Bate, R (Ref)	1,596	4.16
Franklin, B (NLP)	310	0.81
Lab Majority	**15,525**	**40.48**

Total Vote 38,354 Turnout 58.25%
Swing LD to Lab 3.21
1992: Total Vote 44,957 (67.10%) - Lab 23,151 (51.50%); C 13,634 (30.33%); LD 7,837 (17.43%); Other 335 (0.75%); Lab Maj 9,517 (21.17%).

Alan Johnson, b May 17, 1950. Ex-postman. Joint gen sec, Communications Workers' Union, 1992-97; gen sec, Union of Communication Workers, 1993-95. Postman 1968; union official since 1974; joined UCW exec council 1981; UCW nat officer 1987-93. Member, TUC General Council, Exec member, Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International. Dir, Unity Trust Bank plc. Governor, Ruskin Coll. Ed Sloane GS, Chelsea.

HUNTINGDON
C hold

Electorate 76,094 (71,409)		%Votes
+Major, J (C)	31,501	55.30
Reece, J (Lab)	13,361	23.46
Owen, M (LD)	8,390	14.73
Bellamy, D (Ref)	3,114	5.47
Coyne, C (UK Ind)	331	0.58
Hufford, V (Ch D)	177	0.31
Robertson, D (Ind)	89	0.16
C Majority	***18,140***	***31.85***

Total Vote 56,963 Turnout 74.86%
Swing C to Lab 6.85
1992: Total Vote 56,853 (79.62%) - C 34,124 (60.02%); LD 12,153 (21.38%); Lab 8,234 (14.48%); Lib 788 (1.39%); Grn 646 (1.14%); Loony 553 (0.97%); C Thatch 181 (0.32%); Gremloids 82 (0.14%); FTM 66 (0.12%); NLP 26 (0.05%); C Maj 21,971 (38.65%).

John Major, b March 29, 1943. Became Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury in Nov 1990 following his election as C Party leader. Resigned as leader in June 1995 to force contest and defeated John Redwood. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Huntingdonshire 1979-83; contested Camden, St Pancras N, Feb and Oct 1974. Chancellor of the Exchequer 1989-90; Foreign Secretary July to Oct 1989; Treasury Chief Sec, 1987-89; Min for Social Security and the Disabled 1986-87; Under Sec for Social Security 1985-86; gvt whip 1984-85; asst gvt whip 1983-84. PPS to Home Office mins 1981-83. Lambeth cllr 1968-71. Exec, Standard Chartered Bank, 1965-79; Associate of Inst of Bankers. Chair (ex-officio), UK branch, CPA; pres, British group, IPU. Ed Rutlish GS, Merton.

HYNDBURN
Lab hold

Electorate 66,806 (66,766)		%Votes
+Pope, G (Lab)	26,831	55.58
Britcliffe, P (C)	15,383	31.87
Jones, L (LD)	4,141	8.58
Congdon, P (Ref)	1,627	3.37
Brown, J (IAC)	290	0.60
Lab Majority	**11,448**	**23.72**

Total Vote 48,272 Turnout 72.26%
Swing C to Lab 10.03
1992: Total Vote 55,554 (83.21%) - Lab 26,026 (46.85%); C 23,995 (43.19%); LD 5,314 (9.57%); NLP 219 (0.39%); Lab Maj 2,031 (3.66%).

Greg Pope, b Aug 29 1960. Won this seat 1992; contested Ribble Valley 1987. Lab whip 1995-. Member, education select cttee, 1992-95; former sec, PLP education committee. Local govt officer 1987-92. Hyndburn borough cllr 1984-88; Blackburn borough cllr 1989-91. Ed St Mary's Coll, Blackburn; Hull Univ.

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ILFORD NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,218 (67,904)		%Votes
Perham, L (Lab)	23,135	47.36
+Bendall, V (C)	19,911	40.76
Dean, A (LD)	5,049	10.34
Wilson, P (BNP)	750	1.54
Lab Majority	**3,224**	**6.60**

Total Vote 48,845 Turnout 71.60%
Swing C to Lab 17.27
1992: Total Vote 50,277 (74.04%) - C 29,076 (57.83%); Lab 15,027 (29.89%); LD 6,174 (12.28%); C Maj 14,049 (27.94%).

Ms Linda Perham, b June 29, 1947. Librarian. Redbridge cllr. Member, Unison; Co-op Party; SEA. Ed Mary Datchelor GS, Camberwell; Leicester Univ; Ealing Tech Coll.

ILFORD SOUTH
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 72,104 (68,665)		%Votes
+Gapes, M (Lab Co-op)	29,273	58.52
Thorne, Sir N (C)	15,073	30.13
Khan, A (LD)	3,152	6.30
Hodges, D (Ref)	1,073	2.15
Ramsey, B (Soc Lab)	868	1.74
Owens, A (BNP)	580	1.16
Lab Co-op Majority	**14,200**	**28.39**

Total Vote 50,019 Turnout 69.37%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 52,586 (76.58%) - C 24,677 (46.93%); Lab 22,147 (42.12%); LD 5,493 (10.45%); NLP 269 (0.51%); C Maj 2,530 (4.81%)

Mike Gapes, b Sept 4, 1952. Gained seat for Lab in 1992; contested Ilford N 1983. Member, foreign affairs select cttee, 1992-97. Vice-chair, PLP defence cttee, 1992-; joint vice-chair, Inter-parliamentary council against Anti-Semitism, 1992-; chair, PLP children and families cttee, 1994-95. Senior International officer, Lab Party, 1988-92; research officer 1980-88; nat student organiser 1977-80; chair, nat organisation of Lab students, 1976-77. Pres, Redbridge Utd Chinese Assoc. Vice-pres, Redbridge Chamber of Commerce. Member, Co-op Party; TGWU. Ed Buckhurst Hill HS, Essex; Fitzwilliam Coll Cambridge; Middlesex Poly.

IPSWICH
Lab hold

Electorate 66,947 (68,148)		%Votes
+Cann, J (Lab)	25,484	52.69
Castle, S (C)	15,045	31.11
Roberts, N (LD)	5,881	12.16
Agnew, T (Ref)	1,637	3.38
Vinyard, W (UK Ind)	208	0.43
Kaplan, E (NLP)	107	0.22
Lab Majority	**10,439**	**21.59**

Total Vote 48,362 Turnout 72.24%
Swing C to Lab 10.48
1992: Total Vote 53,815 (78.97%) - Lab 23,623 (43.90%); C 23,288 (43.27%); LD 6,135 (11.40%); Grn 588 (1.09%); NLP 181 (0.34%); Lab Maj 335 (0.62%)

Jamie Cann, b June 28, 1946. Ex-teacher. Won this seat for Lab 1992. Joint sec, all-party Northern Cyprus group, 1996-. Ipswich borough cllr 1973-91 (leader, Lab group, 1976-91; council leader 1979-91). Deputy head, Handford Hall Primary School, Ipswich, 1981-92. Ex-member, Ipswich Port Authority. Ed Barton on Humber GS; Kesteven Coll of Ed.

ISLE OF WIGHT
LD gain from C

Electorate 101,680 (101,784)		%Votes
Brand, P (LD)	31,274	42.75
Turner, A (C)	24,868	33.99
Gardiner, D (Lab)	9,646	13.18
Bristow, T (Ref)	4,734	6.47
Turner, M (UK Ind)	1,072	1.47
Rees, H (Ind Isl)	848	1.16
Scivier, P (Green)	544	0.74
Daly, C (NLP)	87	0.12
Eveleigh, J (Rain Isl)	86	0.12
LD Majority	**6,406**	**8.76**

Total Vote 73,159 Turnout 71.95%
Swing C to LD 5.53
1992: Total Vote 79,633 (78.24%) - C 38,163 (47.92%); LD 36,336 (45.63%), Lab 4,784 (6.01%); NLP 350 (0.44%); C Maj 1,827 (2.29%).

Dr Peter Brand, b May 16, 1947. Family doctor and former chair, BMA. Contested this seat 1992. Isle of Wight county and unitary authority cllr 1985- (dep group leader). Ex-chair, Isle of Wight Lib political cttee. Ed Thornbury GS, Glnues; Birmingham Univ.

ISLINGTON NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 57,385 (55,650)		%Votes
*Corbyn, J (Lab)	24,834	69.25
Kempton, J (LD)	4,879	13.61
Fawthrop, S (C)	4,631	12.91
Ashby, C (Green)	1,516	4.23
Lab Majority	**19,955**	**55.65**

Total Vote 35,860 Turnout 62.49%
Swing LD to Lab 6.68
1992: Total Vote 37,852 (68.02%) - Lab 21,742 (57.44%); C 8,958 (23.67%); LD 5,732 (15.14%); Gm 1,420 (3.75%); Lab Maj 12,784 (33.77%).

Jeremy Corbyn, b May 26, 1949. Former union official. Elected 1983. Member, select cttee on social security 1990-97. Sec, Campaign Group of Lab MPs, 1987; director, Campaign Group News Ltd. Chair, London group of Lab MPs, 1993-95 (vice-chair, 1985-93). Chair, Campaign for Non-Alignment. Vice-chair, PLP health cttee, 1989-90, and PLP health and social security cttee, 1985-89. Joint vice-chair, PLP N Ireland cttee, 1988-89 and 1990-. Treas, Western Sahara group, 1996-. Haringey cllr 1974-83. Member, National Trust; Unison; Cuba Solidarity. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed Adams GS, Newport, Shropshire.

ISLINGTON SOUTH & FINSBURY
Lab hold

Electorate 55,468 (54,443)		%Votes
+Smith, C (Lab)	22,079	62.52
Ludford, S A (LD)	7,516	21.28
Berens, D (C)	4,587	12.99
Bryett, J (Ref)	741	2.10
Laws, A (ACA)	171	0.48
Creese, M (NLP)	121	0.34
Basarik, E (Ind)	101	0.29
Lab Majority	**14,563**	**41.24**

Total Vote 35,316 Turnout 63.67%
Swing LD to Lab 6.62
1992: Total Vote 39,788 (73.08%) - Lab 20,369 (51.19%); C 9,818 (24.68%); LD 9,232 (23.20%); JBR 147 (0.37%); Loony 140 (0.35%); NLP 82 (0.21%); Lab Maj 10,551 (26.52%).

Chris Smith, b July 24, 1951. Elected 1983; contested Epsom and Ewell 1979. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1992. Shadow Health Sec 1996-97. Shadow Social Security Sec 1995-96; chief spokesman on nat heritage 1994-95; spokesman on environmental protection 1992-94; Treasury and economic affairs 1987-92. Joint vice-chair, all-party group on Aids; occupational pensions group. Member, environment select cttee, 1983-87. Chair, Tribune Group of Lab MPs, 1988-89 (sec, 1985-88); board, Tribune newspaper, 1990-93; board, New Century magazine, 1993-96 (unpaid). Member, exec cttee, Fabian Soc, 1990-. Islington cllr 1978-83. Governor (unpaid), Sadler's Wells Theatre, 1987-; dir (unpaid), Grand Union Orchestra. Member, board of Shelter, 1986-92. Member, exec cttee, National Trust, 1995-. Completed ascent of all Scottish "Munro" mountains 1989. Ed George Watson's Coll, Edinburgh; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge (pres of Union 1972); Harvard.

J

JARROW
Lab hold

Electorate 63,828 (65,577)		%Votes
Hepburn, S (Lab)	28,497	64.85
Allatt, M (C)	6,564	14.94
Stone, T (LD)	4,865	11.07
LeBlond, A (Ind Lab)	2,538	5.78
Mailer, P (Ref)	1,034	2.35
Bissett, J (SPGB)	444	1.01
Lab Majority	**21,933**	**49.91**

Total Vote 43,942 Turnout 68.84%
Swing C to Lab 5.43
1992 Total Vote 47,970 (73.15%) - Lab 29,978 (62.49%); C 11,243 (23.44%), LD 6,749 (14.07%); Lab Maj 18,735 (39.06%).

Stephen Hepburn, b Dec 6, 1959. Won this seat 1997. Research assistant to Don Dixon, ex-Lab MP for Jarrow and party whip. South Tyneside cllr 1985- (dep council leader). Chair, Tyne and Wear Pensions. Member, Assoc of Labour Cllrs; Co-op Party. Ed Springfield Comp, Newcastle Univ.

K

KEIGHLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,231 (66,691)		%Votes
Cryer, A (Lab)	26,039	50.58
*Waller, G (C)	18,907	36.73
Doyle, M (LD)	5,064	9.84
Carpenter, C (Ref)	1,470	2.86
Lab Majority	**7,132**	**13.85**

Total Vote 51,480 Turnout 76.57%
Swing C to Lab 10.21
1992: Total Vote 54,805 (82.18%) - C 25,983 (47.41%), Lab 22,387 (40.85%); LD 5,793 (10.57%); Gm 642 (1.17%); C Maj 3,596 (6.56%).

Mrs Ann Cryer, b Dec 13, 1939. Researcher, Oral History Project, Essex Univ. Darwen borough cllr 1962-65. Member, social security appeals tribunal. Vice-pres, Keighley and Worth Valley Railway Preservation Soc. Former researcher and PA to her late husband, Bob Cryer (former Labour MP for Bradford S and MEP). Mother of John Cryer, Lab victor at Hornchurch. Ed technical coll.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA
C hold

Electorate 67,786 (64,046)		%Votes
Clark, A K M (C)	19,887	53.62
Atkinson, R (Lab)	10,368	27.96
Woodthorpe Browne, R (LD)	5,668	15.28
Ellis-Jones, A (UK Ind)	540	1.46
Bear, E (Teddy)	218	0.59
Oliver, G (UKPP)	176	0.47
Hamza, S (NLP)	122	0.33
Sullivan, P (Dream)	65	0.18
Parliament, P (Heart)	44	0.12
C Majority	**9,519**	**25.67**

Total Vote 37,088 Turnout 54.71%
Swing C to Lab 12.93
1992: Total Vote 42,504 (66.36%) - C 28,979 (68.18%); Lab 7,090 (16.68%); LD 5,590 (13.15%); Other 855 (2.01%): C Maj 21,899 (51.52%).

Alan Clark, b April 13, 1928. Historian, diarist and barrister. MP for Plymouth Sutton Feb 1974-92. Min for Defence 1989-92; Min for Trade 1986-89; junior Employment Min 1983-86. Member, select committee on broadcasting of Commons, 1979-83. Joint sec, C backbench home affairs cttee, 1982-83; vice-chair, C defence cttee, 1980-81. Ed Eton; Christ Church, Oxford.

KETTERING
Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,153 (72,383)		%Votes
Sawford, P A (Lab)	24,650	43.28
+Freeman, R (C)	24,461	42.95
Aron, R (LD)	6,098	10.71
Smith, A (Ref)	1,551	2.72
le Carpentier, R (NLP)	197	0.35
Lab Majority	**189**	**0.33**

Total Vote 56,957 Turnout 75.79%
Swing C to Lab 10.57
1992: Total Vote 56,593 (80.95%) - C 30,884 (52.71%); Lab 18,697 (31.91%); LD 9,012 (15.38%); C Maj 12,187 (20.80%).

Philip Sawford, b June 26, 1950. Manager of training organisation. Contested Wellingborough 1992. Desborough town cllr 1977-91; Kettering borough cllr 1979-83 and 1986-91. Ed Kettering GS; Ruskin Coll, Oxford; Leicester Univ.

KINGSTON & SURBITON
LD gain from C

Electorate 73,879 (70,238)		%Votes
Davey, E (LD)	20,411	36.67
+Tracey, R P (C)	20,355	36.57
Griffin, S (Lab)	12,811	23.01
Tchiprout, G (Ref)	1,470	2.64
Burns, P (UK Ind)	418	0.75
Leighton, M (NLP)	100	0.18
Port, C (Dream)	100	0.18
LD Majority	**56**	**0.10**

Total Vote 55,665 Turnout 75.35%
Swing C to LD 13.60
1992: Total Vote 55,937 (79.64%) - C 29,674 (53.05%); LD 14,510 (25.94%); Lab 10,991 (19.65%); Other 762 (1.36%); C Maj 15,164 (27.11%).

Edward Davey, b Dec 25, 1965. Management consultant and economics adviser to LD MPs, 1989-93. Chair, LD manifesto costings group; member, federal policy cttee. Ed Nottingham HS; Jesus Coll, Oxford; Birkbeck Coll, London Univ.

KINGSWOOD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 77,026 (76,320)		%Votes
+Berry, R (Lab)	32,181	53.74
Howard, J (C)	17,928	29.94
Pinkerton, J (LD)	7,672	12.81
Reather, A (Ref)	1,463	2.44
Hart, P (BNP)	290	0.48
Harding, A (NLP)	238	0.40
Nicolson, A (Scrapit)	115	0.19
Lab Majority	**14,253**	**23.80**

Total Vote 59,887 Turnout 77.75%
Swing C to Lab 14.49
1992: Total Vote 64,555 (84.58%) - C 29,562 (45.79%); Lab 26,222 (40.62%); LD 8,771 (13.59%); C Maj 3,340 (5.17%).

Dr Roger Berry, b July 4, 1948. Lecturer in economics, Bristol Univ, 1978-92. Won the seat 1992; contested it 1987; Weston-super-Mare 1983; Bristol in 1984 Euro elections. Member, select cttees on trade and industry, 1995-97; deregulation, 1995-96. Sec, all-party disablement group, 1994-. Avon county cllr 1981-93 (leader, Lab group, 1986-92; dep leader of council 1985-86). Vice-pres, Bristol Anti-Apartheid Movement. Chair, full employment forum, 1994-. Huddersfield New Coll; Bristol and Sussex Univs.

KNOWSLEY NORTH & SEFTON EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 70,918 (74,154)		%Votes
+Howarth, G E (Lab)	34,747	69.91
Doran, C (C)	8,600	17.30
Bamber, D (LD)	5,499	11.06
Jones, C (Soc Lab)	857	1.72
Lab Majority	**26,147**	**52.61**

Total Vote 49,703 Turnout 70.09%
Swing C to Lab 12.50
1992: Total Vote 55,721 (75.14%) - Lab 30,316 (54.41%); C 14,930 (26.79%); LD 8,670 (15.56%); Other 1,805 (3.24%); Lab Maj 15,386 (27.61%).

George Howarth, b June 29, 1949. MP for Knowsley N, 1986-97. Lab spokesman on home affairs 1994 with responsibility for prisons; spokesman on environmental protection 1993-94; on environment 1990-92; member, select cttees on Party Commissioner for Administration, 1987-90; on environment 1989-90; joint vice-chair, all-party Mersey Barrage party group. Ex-Huyton urban district cllr; Knowsley borough cllr 1975-86 (dep leader 1982). Dir, Wales TUC Co-operative Centre Voluntary Management Cttee, 1984-86. Sponsored by AEU 1992.

KNOWSLEY SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 70,532 (72,282)		%Votes
+O'Hara, E (Lab)	36,695	77.11
Robertson, G (C)	5,987	12.58
Mainey, C (LD)	3,954	8.31
Wright, A (Ref)	954	2.00
Lab Majority	**30,708**	**64.53**

Total Vote 47,590 Turnout 67.47%
Swing C to Lab 7.75
1992: Total Vote 53,312 (73.76%) - Lab 37,071 (69.54%); C 10,936 (20.51%); LD 4,818 (9.04%); NLP 487 (0.91%); Lab Maj 26,135 (49.02%).

Eddie O'Hara, b Oct 1, 1937. Elected at 1990 by-election. Member, education and employment select cttee, and its sub-cttee, 1996-97: education select cttee 1991-96: Commons chairmen's panel. Joint vice-chair, all-party British-Greek party group. Knowsley cllr 1975-91. Merseyside rep on exec cttee, Regions Européennes de Tradition Industrielle, 1989-90, and member, permanent cttee, Assembly of European Regions, 1989-90. Member, management board, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Soc, 1987-90. Head of curriculum studies, School of Ed and Community Studies, Liverpool Poly, 1983-90; principal lecturer and senior tutor, Dean of Postgraduate Studies, City of Liverpool Coll of Higher Ed, 1974-83. Ed Liverpool Collegiate School; Magdalen Coll, Oxford; London Univ.

L

LANCASHIRE WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 73,175 (73,013)		%Votes
+Pickthall, C (Lab)	33,022	60.34
Varley, C (C)	15,903	29.06
Wood, A (LD)	3,938	7.20
Carter, M (Ref)	1,025	1.87
Collins, J (NLP)	449	0.82
Hill, D (Home Rule)	392	0.72
Lab Majority	**17,119**	**31.28**

Total Vote 54,729 Turnout 74.79%
Swing C to Lab 12.10
1992: Total Vote 59,652 (81.70%) - Lab 29,470 (49.40%); C 25,243 (42.32%); LD 4,147 (6.95%); Gm 494 (0.83%); NLP 298 (0.50%); Lab Maj 4,227 (7.09%).

Colin Pickthall, b Sept 13, 1944. Higher education teacher. Won this seat 1992: contested it 1987. Member, agric select cttee, 1992-97. Sec, PLP ed cttee 1995-, and of all-party group on diabetes, former chair, NW group of Lab MPs. Lancs county cllr 1989-93. Senior posts at Edge Hill Coll of Higher Ed 1970-92. Ex-member, NW regional advisory cttee and Lancs consultative cttee on higher ed; ex-chair of governors, Skelmersdale CFE. Member, NATFHE. Ed Ulverston GS; Wales and Lancaster Univs.

LANCASTER & WYRE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 78,168 (75,314)		%Votes
Dawson, T (Lab)	25,173	42.77
+Mans, K D R (C)	23,878	40.57
Humberstone, J C (LD)	6,802	11.56
Ivell, V (Ref)	1,516	2.58
Barry, J (Green)	795	1.35
Whittaker, J (UK Ind)	698	1.19
Lab Majority	**1,295**	**2.20**

Total Vote 58,862 Turnout 75.30%
Swing C to Lab 10.64
1992: Total Vote 59,166 (78.56%) - C 30,838 (52.12%); Lab 19,554 (33.05%); LD 8,264 (13.97%); Other 510 (0.86%); C Maj 11,284 (19.07%).

Hilton Dawson, b Sept 30, 1953. Social worker. Member, Lancaster City Council 1987-; member Unison. Ed Ashington GS; Warwick and Lancaster Univs.

LEEDS CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 67,664 (73,780)		%Votes
+Fatchett, D (Lab)	25,766	69.62
Wild, E (C)	5,077	13.72
Freeman, D (LD)	4,164	11.25
Myers, P (Ref)	1,042	2.82
Rix, D (Soc Lab)	656	1.77
Hill, C (Soc)	304	0.82
Lab Majority	**20,689**	**55.90**

Total Vote 37,009 Turnout 54.70%
Swing C to Lab 7.29
1992: Total Vote 45,970 (62.31%) - Lab 29,273 (63.68%); C 10,281 (22.36%); LD 6,416 (13.96%); Lab Maj 18,992 (41.31%).

Derek Fatchett, b Aug 22, 1945. Elected 1983; contested Bosworth 1979. Lab spokesman on foreign affairs since 1995; on defence, disarmament and arms control 1994-95; trade and industry 1992-94; secondary and tertiary ed, 1988-92; dealt with youth affairs from 1988. Dep campaigns co-ordinator 1987-92; joint vice-chair, all-party youth affairs lobby; Lab whip 1986-87; chair, PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1985-86. Member, Wakefield MDC, 1980-84. Lecturer in industrial relations, Leeds Univ, 1971-83; research fellow, Univ Coll, Cardiff, 1970-71; research officer, LSE, 1968-70. Dir (unpaid), Mount St Mary's Church Trust, registered charity. Ed Lincoln School; Birmingham Univ; LSE.

LEEDS EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 56,963 (62,072)		%Votes
*Mudie, G (Lab)	24,151	67.48
Emsley, J (C)	6,685	18.68
Kirk, M (LD)	3,689	10.31
Parish, L (Ref)	1,267	3.54
Lab Majority	**17,466**	**48.80**

Total Vote 35,792 Turnout 62.83%
Swing C to Lab 9.70
1992: Total Vote 43,201 (69.60%) - Lab 24,929 (57.70%); C 12,232 (28.31%); LD 6,040 (13.98%); Lab Maj 12,697 (29.39%).

George Mudie, b Feb 6, 1945. Union official. Elected 1992. Lab pairing whip 1995, previously a whip; member, Commons selection cttee, 1995-; Commons accommodation and works cttee. Joined Nupe 1968; formerly, AEU. Ex-leader, Leeds City Council. Ed local state schools.

LEEDS NORTH EAST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 63,185 (65,082)		%Votes
Hamilton, F (Lab)	22,368	49.15
*Kirkhope, T (C)	15,409	33.86
Winlow, W (LD)	6,318	13.88
Rose, I (Ref)	946	2.08
Egan, J (Soc Lab)	468	1.03
Lab Majority	**6,959**	**15.29**

Total Vote 45,509 Turnout 72.03%
Swing C to Lab 11.93
1992: Total Vote 49,500 (76.06%) - C 22,462 (45.38%); Lab 18,218 (36.80%); LD 8,274 (16.72%); Gm 546 (1.10%); C Maj 4,244 (8.57%).

Fabian Hamilton, b April 12, 1955. Graphic designer, systems consultant, company dir, ex-taxi driver. Leeds cllr 1987-. Chair, Leeds W CLP 1987-88. Member, Fabian Society; Co-op Party; GPMU. Ed Brentwood School; York Univ.

LEEDS NORTH WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,972 (68,741)		%Votes
Best, H (Lab)	19,694	39.89
*Hampson, K (C)	15,850	32.10
Pearce, B (LD)	11,689	23.67
Emmett, S (Ref)	1,325	2.68
Lamb, R (Soc Lab)	335	0.68
Toone, R (ProLife)	251	0.51
Duffy, D (Ronnie)	232	0.47
Lab Majority	**3,844**	**7.79**

Total Vote 49,376 Turnout 70.57%
Swing C to Lab 11.77
1992: Total Vote 50,557 (73.55%) - C 21,750 (43.02%); LD 14,079 (27.85%); Lab 13,782 (27.26%); Gm 519 (1.03%); Lib 427 (0.84%); C Maj 7,671 (15.17%).

Harold Best, b Dec 18, 1939. Electrical technician. Member, Nupe, Unison, TGWU, EPIU, Liberty, Amnesty. Ed Meanwood County Sec School.

LEEDS WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 63,965 (67,778)		%Votes
*Battle, J (Lab)	26,819	66.68
Whelan, J (C)	7,048	17.52
Amor, N (LD)	3,622	9.01
Finley, B (Ref)	1,210	3.01
Blackburn, D (Green)	896	2.23
Nowosielski, N (Lib)	625	1.55
Lab Majority	**19,771**	**49.16**

Total Vote 40,220 Turnout 62.88%
Swing C to Lab 10.09
1992: Total Vote 47,725 (70.41%) - Lab 26,310 (55.13%); C 12,482 (26.15%); LD 4,252 (8.91%); Lib 3,980 (8.34%); Gm 569 (1.19%); NF 132 (0.28%); Lab Maj 13,828 (28.97%).

John Battle, b April 26, 1951. Won this seat 1987; contested Leeds NW 1983. Appointed Lab spokesman on trade and industry 1995 with responsibility for energy; spokesman on Commons affairs and Citizen's Charter 1994-95; on local govt, 1992-94. Member, select cttees on environment, 1991-92; on broadcasting 1992-97. Chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1991-92; chair (1989-91) and vice-chair (1991-92), PLP social security cttee; joint vice-chair, PLP health and social security cttee, 1987-89; campaign officer, Yorkshire group of Lab MPs, 1989-90. Lab whip 1988-90. Chair, all-party epilepsy party group; vice-chair, overseas development group; joint vice-chair, all-party Peru group, 1996-. Ex-Leeds cllr. National co-ordinator, Church Action on Poverty, 1983-87. Member, MSF. Ed St Michael's Coll, Kirkby Lonsdale; Leeds Univ.

LEICESTER EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 64,012 (64,100)		%Votes
*Vaz, K (Lab)	29,083	65.50
Milton, S (C)	10,661	24.01
Matabudul, J (LD)	3,105	6.99
Iwaniw, P (Ref)	1,015	2.29
Singh Sidhu, S (Soc Lab)	436	0.98
Slack, N (Glow)	102	0.23
Lab Majority	**18,422**	**41.49**

Total Vote 44,402 Turnout 69.37%
Swing C to Lab 9.37
1992: Total Vote 49,734 (77.59%) - Lab 28,123 (56.55%); C 16,807 (33.79%); LD 4,043 (8.13%); Gm 453 (0.91%); Homeland 308 (0.62%); Lab Maj 11,316 (22.75%).

Keith Vaz, b Nov 26, 1956. Barrister (no fees received). Won this seat 1987, contested Richmond and Barnes 1983; Surrey W in 1984 Euro elections. Joined Lab environment team 1992, spokesman on planning and regeneration. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1987-92; joint vice-chair, PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1990-91; sec, all-party Indo-British party group, 1987-; chair, 1990-, and sec, 1987-90, all-party footwear and leather industries party group; sec, PLP wool and textiles group, 1988-94. Chair, Unison group of MPs; City 2020, Urban Policy Commission 1993-. Member, Clothing and Footwear Inst: nat advisory cttee. Crime Concern, 1989-93: advisory board, TV Asia, 1992-. Patron, Gingerbread, 1990-92; joint patron, UN Year of Tolerance, 1995. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed St Joseph's Convent, Aden; Latymer HS, Hammersmith; Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge; Coll of Law, Lancaster Gate.

LEICESTER SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 71,750 (71,749)		%Votes
*Marshall, J (Lab)	27,914	58.02
Heaton-Harris, C (C)	11,421	23.74
Coles, B (LD)	6,654	13.83
Hancock, J (Ref)	1,184	2.46
Dooher, J (Soc Lab)	634	1.32
Sills, K (Nat Dem)	307	0.64
Lab Majority	**16,493**	**34.28**

Total Vote 48,114 Turnout 67.06%
Swing C to Lab 6.30
1992: Total Vote 53,407 (74.44%) - Lab 27,934 (52.30%); C 18,494 (34.63%); LD 6,271 (11.74%); Gm 554 (1.04%); NLP 154 (0.29%); Lab Maj 9,440 (17.68%).

Jim Marshall, b March 13, 1941. Lecturer. Regained this seat 1987, being its MP Oct 1974-83; contested seat Feb 1974; Harborough, 1970. Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1987-92; on home affairs 1982-83; asst govt whip 1977-79. Member, British-Irish Inter-party body. Leeds city cllr 1965-68; Leicester city cllr 1971-76 (leader 1974). Sponsored by GPMU 1992. Ed Sheffield City GS; Leeds Univ.

LEICESTER WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 64,570 (66,351)		%Votes
Hewitt, P H (Lab)	22,580	55.19
Thomas, R (C)	9,716	23.75
Jones, M (LD)	5,795	14.16
Shooter, W (Ref)	970	2.37
Forse, G (Green)	586	1.43
Roberts, D (Soc Lab)	452	1.10
Nicholls, J (Soc)	327	0.80
Belshaw, A (BNP)	302	0.74
Potter, C (Nat Dem)	186	0.45
Lab Majority	**12,864**	**31.44**

Total Vote 40,914 Turnout 63.36%
Swing C to Lab 11.60
1992: Total Vote 48,280 (72.73%) - Lab 22,574 (46.78%); C 18,596 (38.53%); LD 6,402 (13.27%); Gm 517 (1.07%); NLP 171 (0.35%); Lab Maj 3,978 (8.24%).

Ms Patricia Hewitt, b Dec 2, 1948. Contested Leicester E 1983. Gen sec, Nat Council for Civil Liberties, 1974-83; press and broadcasting sec 1983-88, and policy co-ordinator 1988-89, to Neil Kinnock, Lab leader. Dep dir, Inst for Public Policy Research, 1989-94. Member, council, Campaign for Freedom of Information, 1983-89; board, International League for Human Rights, 1984-; exec cttee, Fabian Soc, 1988-93. Visiting Fellow, Nuffield Coll, Oxford, 1992-; dep chair, Commission on Social Justice, 1993-; vice-chair, Healthcare 2000, 1995-; associate, Newnham Coll, Cambridge, 1984-. Head of research, Andersen Consulting, 1994-. FRSA 1992. Ed C of E Girls' GS, Canberra; Australian Nat Univ; Newnham Coll, Cambridge.

LEICESTERSHIRE NORTH WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,069 (62,949)		%Votes
Taylor, D (Lab)	29,332	56.38
Goodwill, R (C)	16,113	30.97
Heptinstall, S (LD)	4,492	8.63
Abney-Hastings, M (Ref)	2,088	4.01
Lab Majority	**13,219**	**25.41**

Total Vote 52,025 Turnout 79.95%
Swing C to Lab 13.50
1992: Total Vote 54,450 (86.50%) - C 24,735 (45.43%); Lab 23,869 (43.84%); LD 5,648 (10.37%); NLP 198 (0.36%); C Maj 866 (1.59%).

David Taylor, b Aug 22, 1946. Freelance accountant and computer manager. Contested this seat 1992. Has chaired CLP. Leicestershire district cllr 1981-87. Founder and chair, Leics NW safer communities forum. Ed Ashby-de-la-Zouch GS; Leicester Poly; Coventry Poly; Open Univ.

LEIGH
Lab hold

Electorate 69,908 (70,188)		%Votes
+Cunliffe, L (Lab)	31,652	68.93
Young, E (C)	7,156	15.58
Hough, P (LD)	5,163	11.24
Constable, R (Ref)	1,949	4.24
Lab Majority	**24,496**	**53.34**

Total Vote 45,920 Turnout 65.69%
Swing C to Lab 10.65
1992: Total Vote 52,601 (74.94%) - Lab 31,196 (59.31%); C 14,341 (27.26%); LD 6,539 (12.43%); NLP 525 (1.00%); Lab Maj 16,855 (32.04%).

Lawrence Cunliffe, b March 25, 1929. Elected 1979; contested Rochdale Oct 1972 and Feb 1974. Ex-joint chair, all-party minerals party group; 'non-profitmaking clubs group; joint vice-chair, racing and bloodstock industries party cttee; treas, rugby league group; cricket group. Member, exec cttee, UK branch, CPA, 1989-94. Engineer with NCB 1949-79. Farnworth borough cllr 1960-74; Bolton metropolitan district cllr 1974-79. Sponsored by NUM 1992. Ed St Edmund's RC School, Worsley, Manchester.

LEOMINSTER
C hold

Electorate 65,993 (63,182)		%Votes
+Temple-Morris, P (C)	22,888	45.28
James, T (LD)	14,053	27.80
Westwood, R (Lab)	8,831	17.47
Parkin, A (Ref)	2,815	5.57
Norman, F (Green)	1,086	2.15
Chamings, R (UK Ind)	588	1.16
Haycock, J (BNP)	292	0.58
C Majority	**8,835**	**17.48**

Total Vote 50,553 Turnout 76.60%
Swing C to LD 5.53
1992: Total Vote 51,178 (81.00%) - C 28,837 (56.35%); LD 14,236 (27.82%); Lab 6,294 (12.30%); Gm 1,281 (2.50%); Anti-Fed 530 (1.04%); C Maj 14,601 (28.53%).

Peter Temple-Morris, b Feb 12, 1938. Solicitor. Elected Feb 1974; contested Lambeth Norwood 1970; Newport 1964 and 1966. Joint vice-chair, C backbench Euro affairs cttee, 1991-. Member, select cttees on Consolidation Bills 1991-92; foreign affairs 1987-90. UK chair, British-Irish Inter-party body, 1988-; chair, Soc of C Lawyers, 1995- (on exec cttee 1968-71 and 1990-). Joint vice-chair (1982-90) and joint sec (1979-82), C backbench foreign affairs cttee; joint vice-chair, C Northern Ireland cttee, 1989-; all-party Euro Atlantic party group; chair, all-party Iranian, Netherlands, Spanish and S Africa party groups; joint sec, Europe group; joint treas, Argentina group. Chair, Macleod group. Member, exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1977- (chair, 1982-85); exec cttee, UK branch, CPA (joint vice-chair, 1994-). Council member, GB-USSR Assoc, 1982-. Dir, John Kendall Associates (Press Relations) Ltd, mainly agriculture and Wales. Freeman, City of London; Liveryman, Basketmakers' Co; Barbers' Co. Ed Malvern Coll (governor 1975- and council member 1978-); St Catharine's Coll, Cambridge.

LEWES
LD gain from C

Electorate 64,340 (63,412)		%Votes
Baker, N (LD)	21,250	43.22
+Rathbone, T (C)	19,950	40.57
Patton, M (Lab)	5,232	10.64
Butler, L (Ref)	2,481	5.05
Harvey, J (UK Ind)	256	0.52
LD Majority	**1,300**	**2.64**

Total Vote 49,169 Turnout 76.42%
Swing C to LD 7.43
1992: Total Vote 51,886 (81.82%) - C 26,638 (51.34%); LD 20,301 (39.13%); Lab 4,270 (8.23%); Gm 599 (1.15%); NLP 78 (0.15%); C Maj 6,337 (12.21%).

Norman Baker, b July 26, 1957. Teacher. Contested this seat 1992. Lewes district cllr 1987- (council leader); East Sussex county cllr 1989-. Dir, Brighton & Hove Enterprise Agency; Newhaven Economic Partnership. Member, Greenpeace; Amnesty. Ed Royal Liberty, Romford; Royal Holloway Coll, London Univ.

LEWISHAM EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 56,333 (58,328)		%Votes
+Prentice, B T (Lab)	21,821	58.33
Hollobone, P (C)	9,694	25.91
Buxton, D (LD)	4,178	11.17
Drury, S (Ref)	910	2.43
Croucher, R (NF)	431	1.15
White, P (Lib)	277	0.74
Rizz, C (Dream)	97	0.26
Lab Majority	**12,127**	**32.42**

Total Vote 37,408 Turnout 66.41%
Swing C to Lab 14.91
1992: Total Vote 43,274 (74.19%) - Lab 19,633 (45.37%); C 18,510 (42.77%); LD 4,935 (11.40%); NLP 196 (0.45%); Lab Maj 1,123 (2.60%).

Ms Bridget Prentice, b Dec 28, 1952. Ex-teacher. Won this seat 1992; contested Croydon Central 1987. Lab whip 1995-97. Member, select cttee on Party Commissioner for Administration, 1992-95; vice-chair, PLP employment cttee; PLP home affairs cttee; former joint vice-chair, London group of Lab MPs. Hammersmith and Fulham cllr 1986-92; chair, Fulham Lab Party, 1982-85. Teacher, ILEA, 1974-88. Member of and sponsored in 1992 by GMB. Ed Our Lady and St Francis, Glasgow; Glasgow and London Univs; South Bank Poly.

LEWISHAM DEPTFORD
Lab hold

Electorate 58,141 (57,583)		%Votes
+Ruddock, J (Lab)	23,827	70.82
Kimm, I (C)	4,949	14.71
Appiah, K (LD)	3,004	8.93
Mulrenan, J (Soc Lab)	996	2.96
Shepherd, S (Ref)	868	2.58
Lab Majority	**18,878**	**56.11**

Total Vote 33,644 Turnout 57.87%
Swing C to Lab 11.56
1992: Total Vote 37,643 (65.37%) - Lab 22,816 (60.61%); C 10,395 (27.61%); LD 4,432 (11.77%); Lab Maj 12,421 (33.00%).

Mrs Joan Ruddock, b Dec 28, 1943. Elected 1987; contested Newbury 1979. Lab spokesman on environmental protection 1994-; on home affairs 1992-94; on transport 1989-92. Vice-chair, PLP defence cttee, 1987-89; joint vice-chair, London group of Lab MPs, 1987-. Member, select cttee on televising Commons, 1988-91. Chair, CND, 1981-85; vice-chair 1985-86. Organiser, Reading Citizens Advice Bureau, 1979-86; Manpower Services Commission special programmes officer dealing with unemployed young people 1977-79; dir, Oxford Housing Aid Centre, 1973-77; with Shelter 1968-73. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Pontypool GS for Girls; Imperial Coll, London Univ.

LEWISHAM WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 58,659 (60,133)		%Votes
*Dowd, J (Lab)	23,273	61.99
Whelan, C (C)	8,936	23.80
McGrath, K (LD)	3,672	9.78
Leese, A (Ref)	1,098	2.92
Long, N (Soc Lab)	398	1.06
Oram, E (Lib)	167	0.44
Lab Majority	**14,337**	**38.19**

Total Vote 37,544 Turnout 64.00%
Swing C to Lab 17.01
1992: Total Vote 43,367 (72.12%) - Lab 20,378 (46.99%); C 18,569 (42.82%); LD 4,295 (9.90%); Anti-Fed 125 (0.29%); Lab Maj 1,809 (4.17%).

Jim Dowd, b March 5, 1951. Telecoms systems engineer. Gained this seat for Lab 1992; contested it 1987, and Beckenham 1983. Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1995-; Lab whip 1993-95. Lewisham cllr 1974-94 (Mayor 1992). With Plessey Co, later GPT, 1973-92; senior negotiator for ASTMS, and then MSF. Ed Sedgehill Comp, London; London Nautical School.

LEYTON & WANSTEAD
Lab hold

Electorate 62,176 (65,812)		%Votes
+Cohen, H M (Lab)	23,922	60.84
Vaudry, R (C)	8,736	22.22
Anglin, C (LD)	5,920	15.06
Duffy, S (ProLife)	488	1.24
Mian, A (Ind)	256	0.65
Lab Majority	**15,186**	**38.62**

Total Vote 39,322 Turnout 63.24%
Swing C to Lab 11.85
1992: Total Vote 45,356 (68.92%) - Lab 20,775 (45.80%); C 14,006 (30.88%); LD 9,300 (20.50%); Other 1,275 (2.81%); Lab Maj 6,769 (14.92%).

Harry Cohen, b Dec 10, 1949. Accountant and local govt employee. Elected MP for Leyton 1983. Joint vice-chair and former chair, PLP defence cttee; vice-chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1987-88; chair, Labour Friends of Palestine, 1987-90. Waltham Forest cllr 1972-84 (sec, Lab group). Member, Nalgo. Ed secondary mod school; part-time further education.

LICHFIELD
C hold

Electorate 62,720 (61,995)		%Votes
+Fabricant, M L D (C)	20,853	42.91
Woodward, S (Lab)	20,615	42.42
Bennion, P (LD)	5,473	11.26
Seward, G (Ref)	1,652	3.40
C Majority	**238**	**0.49**

Total Vote 48,593 Turnout 77.48%
Swing C to Lab 9.97
1992: Total Vote 51,858 (83.65%) - C 29,583 (57.05%); Lab 18,993 (36.63%); LD 2,970 (5.73%); Other 312 (0.60%); C Maj 10,590 (20.42%).

Michael Fabricant, b June 12, 1950. Ex-BBC current affairs broadcaster; chartered engineer. MP for Staffordshire-Mid, 1992-97, regaining that seat which C lost in 1990 by-election; contested South Shields 1987. PPS to Financial Sec to Treasury, 1996-97. Member, national heritage select cttee, 1992-96; joint vice-chair, C backbench media cttee 1992-; sec, C ed and employment cttee, 1995-; treas, all-party cable and satellite TV party group, 1996-. Until 1992, senior dir and co-founder of international broadcasting and manufacturing group with clients ranging from BBC to Radio Moscow. Formerly technical, marketing and programming consultant to BBC; ex-adviser to Home Office on broadcasting matters. Ed Brighton and Hove GS; Loughborough, Sussex and London Univs; postgraduate research economics at Univ of Southern California, Los Angeles.

LINCOLN
Lab hold

Electorate 65,485 (65,087)		%Votes
Merron, G (Lab)	25,563	54.92
Brown, A (C)	14,433	31.01
Gabriel, L (LD)	5,048	10.84
Ivory, J (Ref)	1,329	2.86
Myers, A (NLP)	175	0.38
Lab Majority	**11,130**	**23.91**

Total Vote 46,548 Turnout 71.08%
Swing C to Lab 11.03
1992: Total Vote 51,835 (79.64%) - Lab 23,869 (46.05%); C 22,905 (44.19%); LD 4,561 (8.80%); Lib 500 (0.96%); Lab Maj 964 (1.86%).

Ms Gillian Merron, b April 12, 1959. Senior Unison regional official; Unison E Midlands head of gas and electricity; former business development adviser. Member, Amnesty. Ed Lancaster Univ.

LIVERPOOL WAVERTREE
Lab hold

Electorate 73,063 (73,095)		%Votes
+Kennedy, J E (Lab)	29,592	64.45
Kemp, R (LD)	9,891	21.54
Malthouse, C (C)	4,944	10.77
Worthington, P (Ref)	576	1.25
McCullough, K (Lib)	391	0.85
Kingsley, R (ProLife)	346	0.75
Cordhill, C (WRP)	178	0.39
Lab Majority	**19,701**	**42.90**

Total Vote 45,918 Turnout 62.85%
Swing LD to Lab 18.17
1992: Total Vote 51,415 (70.34%) - Lab 21,237 (41.31%); LD 17,857 (34.73%); C 6,422 (12.49%); Other 5,898 (11.47%); Lab Maj 3,380 (6.57%).

Ms Jane Kennedy, b May 4, 1958. MP for Liverpool Broadgreen 1992-97. Lab whip 1995; member, social security select cttee, 1992-94; chair, 1995-, and former vice-chair, NW group of Lab MPs. Nupe area organiser 1988-92; care asst 1984-88, and childcare residential worker 1979-84. Liverpool social services. Sponsored by Nupe 1992. Ed Haughton Comp; Queen Elizabeth Sixth-Form Coll; Liverpool Univ.

LIVERPOOL GARSTON
Lab hold

Electorate 66,755 (69,614)		%Votes
Eagle, M (Lab)	26,667	61.33
Clucas, F (LD)	8,250	18.97
Gordon-Johnson, N (C)	6,819	15.68
Dunne, F (Ref)	833	1.92
Copeland, G (Lib)	666	1.53
Parsons, J (NLP)	127	0.29
Nolan, S (SEP)	120	0.28
Lab Majority	**18,417**	**42.36**

Total Vote 43,482 Turnout 65.14%
Swing LD to Lab 8.45
1992: Total Vote 49,338 (70.87%) - Lab 25,214 (51.10%); C 12,340 (25.01%); LD 10,680 (21.65%); Lib 914 (1.85%); NLP 190 (0.39%); Lab Maj 12,874 (26.09%).

Ms Maria Eagle, b Feb 17, 1961. Solicitor specialising in housing and employment law. Contested Crosby 1992. Ex-chair, Formby Lab Party; ex-sec, Formby women's section. Ed Formby HS; Pembroke Coll, Oxford; Lancaster Gate Coll of Law. Has represented Lancashire and England in chess competitions. Twin sister of Angela Eagle, Lab MP for Wallasey.

LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 73,429 (71,118)		%Votes
Ellman, L (Lab Co-op)	26,858	70.43
Fraenkel, B (LD)	5,059	13.27
Sparrow, D (C)	3,635	9.53
Wilson, C (Soc)	776	2.03
Green, D (Lib)	594	1.56
Skelly, G (Ref)	586	1.54
Neilson, H (ProLife)	277	0.73
Braid, D (MRAC)	179	0.47
Gay, G (NLP)	171	0.45
Lab Co-op Majority	**21,799**	**57.16**

Total Vote 38,135 Turnout 51.93%
Swing LD to Lab Co-op 3.58
1992: Total Vote 42,025 (59.09%) - Lab Co-op 28,760 (68.44%); LD 7,744 (18.43%); C 4,572 (10.88%); Gm 770 (1.83%); NLP 179 (0.43%); Lab Co-op Maj 21,016 (50.01%).

Ms Louise Ellman, b Nov 14, 1945. Contested Darwen 1979. Leader of Lancashire County Council since 1981 (chair 1981-85; leader, Lab group, 1977-; member, 1970-). Established Lancashire Enterprises as county's economic development agency in 1982 and vice-chair since then. W Lancs district cllr 1974-87. Member, Lab NEC local govt advisory cttee, 1977-; reg exec, NW Lab Party, 1985- (chair, 1993-). Vice-chair, Leyland Trucks. Founder member, Co-operative Enterprises NW, 1979-; founder chair, NW region assoc, 1992-93. OU counsellor. Ed Manchester HS for Girls; Hull and York Univs.

LIVERPOOL WALTON
Lab hold

Electorate 67,527 (71,168)		%Votes
*Kilfoyle, P (Lab)	31,516	78.38
Roberts, R (LD)	4,478	11.14
Kotecha, M (C)	2,551	6.34
Grundy, C (Ref)	620	1.54
Mahmood, L (Soc)	444	1.10
Williams, H (Lib)	352	0.88
Mearns, V (ProLife)	246	0.61
Lab Majority	**27,038**	**67.25**

Total Vote 40,207 Turnout 59.54%
Swing LD to Lab 3.42
1992: Total Vote 47,255 (66.40%) - Lab 34,214 (72.40%); C 5,915 (12.52%); LD 5,672 (12.00%); Lib 963 (2.04%); Prot Ref 393 (0.83%); NLP 98 (0.21%); Lab Maj 28,299 (59.89%).

Peter Kilfoyle, b June 9, 1946. Won 1991 Liverpool Walton by-election. Lab spokesman on education 1994 and on employment 1995; previously Lab whip. Party regional organiser in NW 1985-91; joined staff of Lab Party 1985; previously building labourer, teacher, youth worker. Has held many posts within party and trade union movement. Member, MSFU; TGWU; Co-op Party. Ed St Edwards Coll, Liverpool; Durham Univ; Christ's Coll, Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL WEST DERBY
Lab hold

Electorate 68,682 (66,613)		%Votes
+Wareing, R N (Lab)	30,002	71.17
Radford, S (Lib)	4,037	9.58
Hines, A (LD)	3,805	9.03
Morgan, N (C)	3,656	8.67
Forrest, P (Ref)	657	1.56
Lab Majority	**25,965**	**61.59**

Total Vote 42,157 Turnout 61.38%
Swing Lib to Lab 0.94
1992: Total Vote 47,739 (69.58%) - Lab 30,830 (64.58%); LD 7,297 (15.29%); C 6,975 (14.61%); Lib 2,329 (4.88%); NLP 308 (0.65%); Lab Maj 23,533 (49.30%).

Robert Wareing, b Aug 20, 1930. Ex-lecturer. Elected for this seat 1983; contested Berwick-upon-Tweed 1970; Liverpool, Edge Hill, 1979 by-election and gen election. Lab whip 1987-92; member, foreign affairs select cttee, 1992-; chair (1994-) and vice-chair (1985-94), all-party British-Yugoslavia party group; joint vice-chair, Russian group, 1992-. Merseyside county cllr 1981-86 (Lab group chief whip 1981-83). Vice-pres, AMA, 1984-. Chair, Merseyside Economic Development Co Ltd, 1981-86. Lecturer at various colleges 1957-83, inc Central Liverpool Coll of FE, 1972-83. Ed Ranworth Square School, Liverpool; Alsop HS, Liverpool; Bolton Coll of Ed; London Univ (external student).

LOUGHBOROUGH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,945 (65,156)		%Votes
Reed, A (Lab)	25,448	48.60
Andrew, K (C)	19,736	37.69
Brass, D (LD)	6,190	11.82
Gupta, R (Ref)	991	1.89
Lab Majority	**5,712**	**10.91**

Total Vote 52,365 Turnout 75.95%
Swing C to Lab 8.94
1992: Total Vote 50,048 (76.81%) - C 23,412 (46.78%); Lab 19,920 (39.80%); LD 5,635 (11.26%); Gm 842 (1.68%); NLP 239 (0.48%); C Maj 3,492 (6.98%).

Andrew Reed, b Sept 17, 1964. Contested this seat 1992; chaired CLP, 1988-91. Member, John Smith's leadership campaign team, 1992. Member, Lab Party regional exec cttee, 1992-93. European officer for Leics County Council and ex-employment initiatives officer. Charnwood borough cllr 1995-. Nalgo: ex-convener, planning and transport dept, Leics city branch. Ed Stonehill HS; Longslade Community Coll; Leicester Poly.

LOUTH & HORNCASTLE
C hold

Electorate 68,824 (65,996)		%Votes
+Tapsell, Sir P (C)	21,699	43.44
Hough, J (Lab)	14,799	29.63
Martin, F (LD)	12,207	24.44
Robinson, R (Green)	1,248	2.50
C Majority	**6,900**	**13.81**

Total Vote 49,953 Turnout 72.58%
Swing C to Lab 12.62
1992: Total Vote 52,168 (79.05%) - C 27,499 (52.71%); LD 16,529 (31.68%); Lab 7,122 (13.65%); Other 1,018 (1.95%); C Maj 10,970 (21.03%).

Sir Peter Tapsell, b Feb 1, 1930. MP for Nottingham W 1959-64; for Horncastle 1966-83; for Lindsey E 1983-97. Contested Wednesbury by-election Feb 1957. PA to Anthony Eden, 1955 election. C spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs 1977-78 and on foreign and Commonwealth affairs 1976-77. Adviser to Japanese trading and stockbroking firms and banks. Member, council, Institute for Fiscal Studies; London Stock Exchange 1957-; vice-pres, Tennyson Soc. Ed Tonbridge School; Merton Coll, Oxford (Librarian, Oxford Union 1953, and trustee 1985-).

LUDLOW
C hold

Electorate 61,267 (58,316)		%Votes
+Gill, C J F (C)	19,633	42.42
Huffer, T I (LD)	13,724	29.65
O'Kane, N (Lab)	11,745	25.38
Andrewes, T (Grn)	798	1.72
Freeman-Keel, E (UK Ind)	385	0.83
C Majority	**5,909**	**12.77**

Total Vote 46,285 Turnout 75.55%
Swing C to LD
1992: Total Vote 47,300 (81.11%) - C 24,415 (51.62%); LD 12,108 (25.60%); Lab 10,134 (21.42%); Gm 643 (1.36%); C Maj 12,307 (26.02%).

Christopher Gill, b Oct 28, 1936. Elected 1987. Member, select cttees on Welsh affairs 1995-97; agriculture 1989-95. Joint vice-chair, C backbench European affairs cttee, 1989-91 (sec 1988-89); joint vice-chair 1991-94, and sec 1990-91, C ag, fish and food backbench cttee; C food and drinks sub-cttee 1989-90; treas, all-party maritime party group. Pres, Midlands W Euro C Council, 1984-85. Wolverhampton borough cllr 1965-72; council member, Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce, 1984-87. Ex-chair of family business, F.A. Gill Ltd, meat processing and wholesaling; ex-member, nat council, Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Assoc; has served on cttee, Fed of Fresh Meat Wholesalers. Ed Shrewsbury School.

LUTON NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,618 (64,559)		%Votes
Hopkins, K (Lab)	25,860	54.64
Senior, D (C)	16,234	34.30
Newbound, K (LD)	4,299	9.08
Brown, C (UK Ind)	689	1.46
Custance, A (NLP)	250	0.53
Lab Majority	**9,626**	**20.34**

Total Vote 47,332 Turnout 73.25%
Swing C to Lab 17.19
1992: Total Vote 52,410 (81.18%) - C 26,853 (51.24%); Lab 19,496 (37.20%); LD 5,311 (10.13%); Gm 517 (0.99%); NLP 233 (0.44%); C Maj 7,357 (14.04%).

Kelvin Hopkins, b Aug 22, 1941. Economist and statistician. Hon fellow, Luton Univ; former lecturer in higher ed.

LUTON SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,395 (66,027)		%Votes
Moran, M (Lab)	26,428	54.85
+Bright, Sir G (C)	15,109	31.36
Fitchett, K (LD)	4,610	9.57
Jacobs, C (Ref)	1,205	2.50
Lawman, C (UK Ind)	390	0.81
Scheimann, M (Green)	356	0.74
Perrin, C (NLP)	86	0.18
Lab Majority	**11,319**	**23.49**

Total Vote 48,184 Turnout 70.45%
Swing C to Lab 12.26
1992: Total Vote 51,795 (78.45%) - C 22,928 (44.27%); Lab 22,396 (43.24%); LD 5,795 (11.19%); Gm 505 (0.97%); NLP 171 (0.33%); C Maj 532 (1.03%).

Ms Margaret Moran, b April 24, 1955. Director of Housing for Women, a housing assoc. Contested Carshalton and Wallington 1992. Member, Lab nat policy forum, economic policy commission and Lab NEC local govt cttee. Lewisham cllr 1984- (was first woman council leader 1993-95). Ex-chair, London Housing Unit and ex-vice-chair, AMA housing cttee. Ed St Ursula's Convent School, Greenwich; St Mary's Coll of Ed, Twickenham; Birmingham Univ; Hackney Coll.

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MACCLESFIELD
C hold

Electorate 72,049 (70,834)		%Votes
+Winterton, N (C)	26,888	49.61
Jackson, J (Lab)	18,234	33.64
Flynn, M (LD)	9,075	16.74
C Majority	**8,654**	**15.97**

Total Vote 54,197 Turnout 75.22%
Swing C to Lab 8.58
1992: Total Vote 57,738 (81.51%) - C 32,332 (56.00%); Lab 13,202 (22.87%); LD 11,958 (20.71%); NLP 246 (0.43%); C Maj 19,130 (33.13%).

Nicholas Winterton, b March 31, 1938. Elected in 1971 by-election; contested Newcastle-under-Lyme 1969 by-election and 1970. Chair, health select cttee, 1991-92; member, select cttees on social services 1979-90; standing orders, 1981-97; and Commons chairmen's panel, 1987-97. Chair, all-party group for paper and board industry, 1983-; cotton and allied textiles group; media group; Danish group; vice-chair, all-party Swedish and Falkland Islands groups; treas, Bahamian and Taiwan groups. Non-exec dir, Bridgwater Paper Co Ltd, 1990-; MSB Ltd, marketing consultancy; Emerson International Inc, overseas commercial development; dir, Govt Relations Unit. Party adviser to Construction Plant-hire Assoc. Freeman, City of London; Liveryman, Worshipful Co of Weavers. Ed Bilton Grange Prep; Rugby. His wife Ann is C MP for Congleton.

MAIDENHEAD
C hold

Electorate 67,302 (66,059)		%Votes
May, T M (C)	25,344	49.80
Ketteringham, A T (LD)	13,363	26.26
Robson, D (Lab)	9,205	18.09
Taverner, C (Ref)	1,638	3.22
Munkley, D (Lib)	896	1.76
Spiers, N (UK Ind)	277	0.54
Ardley, K (Glow)	166	0.33
C Majority	**11,981**	**23.54**

Total Vote 50,889 Turnout 75.81%
Swing C to LD 4.09
1992: Total Vote 55,161 (83.50%) - C 33,958 (61.56%); LD 16,482 (29.84%); Lab 4,741 (8.59%); C Maj 17,496 (31.72%).

Mrs Theresa May, b Oct 1, 1956. Contested Durham NW 1992 and Barking by-election 1994. Merton cllr 1986-94 (dep leader, C group, 1992-94). Head of European affairs unit, Assoc for Payment Clearing Services; previously worked at Bank of England. Member, Merton and Sutton CHC, 1986-88; Surrey County Cricket Club. Fellow, Royal Geographical Soc. Ed Wheatley Park Comp, Oxfordshire; St Hugh's Coll, Oxford.

MAIDSTONE & THE WEALD
C hold

Electorate 72,466 (71,009)		%Votes
+Widdecombe, A N (C)	23,657	44.13
Morgan, J (Lab)	14,054	26.22
Nelson, J (LD)	11,986	22.36
Hopkins, S (Ref)	1,998	3.73
Cleator, M (Soc Lab)	979	1.83
Kemp, P (Green)	480	0.90
Owen, R (UK Ind)	339	0.63
Oldbury, J (NLP)	115	0.21
C Majority	**9,603**	**17.91**

Total Vote 53,608 Turnout 73.98%
Swing C to Lab 12.85
1992: Total Vote 56,978 (80.24%) - C 31,951 (56.08%); LD 17,237 (30.25%); Lab 7,097 (12.46%); Other 693 (1.22%); C Maj 14,714 (25.82%).

Miss Ann Widdecombe, b Oct 4, 1947. MP for Maidstone 1987-97; contested Plymouth Devonport 1983, and Burnley 1979. Appointed Min of State, Home Office, 1995, becoming Prisons Min; Min of State for Employment 1994-95; Employment Under Sec 1993-94; Social Security Under Sec, 1990-93. Member, select cttee on social services, 1988-90. Sec, C backbench horticulture and markets sub-cttee, 1987-90. Former joint sec/research asst to C party study group on disablement benefits; vice-chair, nat assoc of C graduates, 1976-78. Runnymede district cllr 1976-78. Senior administrator at London Univ 1975-87; in marketing with Unilever 1973-75. Ed La Sainte Union Convent, Bath; Birmingham Univ; Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

MAKERFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 67,358 (68,657)		%Votes
+McCartney, I (Lab)	33,119	73.57
Winstanley, M (C)	6,942	15.42
Hubbard, B (LD)	3,743	8.32
Seed, A (Ref)	1,210	2.69
Lab Majority	**26,177**	**58.15**

Total Vote 45,014 Turnout 66.83%
Swing C to Lab 9.61
1992: Total Vote 51,760 (75.50%) - Lab 32,787 (63.34%); C 12,640 (24.42%); LD 4,751 (9.18%); Lib 1,209 (2.34%); NLP 373 (0.72%); Lab Maj 20,147 (38.92%).

Ian McCartney, b April 25, 1951. Elected 1987. Chief Lab spokesman on employment 1996, having been employment spokesman from 1994; health spokesman 1992-94. Member, select cttees on social security, 1991-92; social services 1989-91; chair (1990-92) and joint vice-chair (1989-90), PLP employment cttee; chair, all-party rugby league party group, 1989-91; TGWU party group, "Head Waiter", Lab MPs Supper Club. Hon party adviser to Greater Manchester Fire and Civil Defence Authority 1987-92. Wigan borough cllr 1982-87. Full-time party sec/organiser in Wigan 1973-87; ex-seaman, local govt manual worker and chef. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed state schools.

MALDON & CHELMSFORD EAST
C hold

Electorate 66,184 (64,712)		%Votes
+Whittingdale, J F L (C)	24,524	48.67
Freeman, K (Lab)	14,485	28.75
Pooley, G (LD)	9,758	19.37
Overy-Owen, L (UK Ind)	935	1.86
Burgess, E (Green)	685	1.36
C Majority	**10,039**	**19.92**

Total Vote 50,387 Turnout 76.13%
Swing C to Lab 15.58
1992: Total Vote 51,591 (79.72%) - C 32,944 (63.86%); LD 11,359 (22.02%); Lab 6,592 (12.78%); Other 696 (1.35%); C Maj 21,585 (41.84%).

John Whittingdale, b Oct 16, 1959. MP for Colchester S and Maldon 1992-97. PPS to Mins of State for Ed and Employment 1994-96; member, health select cttee, 1993-97; joint select cttee on Consolidation Bills 1992-97; joint sec, C backbench home affairs cttee, 1992-94. PPS to Eric Forth, Ed and Employment Min, 1994-96. Joint sec, all-party film industry party group; treas, Friends of Music group. Pol sec to Margaret Thatcher when she was PM 1988-90, then manager of her private office 1990-92; special adviser to Trade and Industry Sec 1984-87; head of political section, C research dept, 1982-84. Manager, N.M. Rothschild & Sons, 1987. Member, Bow Group; Selsdon Group; British Mensa. Ed Sandroyd School, Wiltshire; Winchester Coll; University Coll London.

MANCHESTER BLACKLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 62,227 (65,317)		%Votes
Stringer, G (Lab)	25,042	70.04
Barclay, S (C)	5,454	15.25
Wheale, S (LD)	3,937	11.01
Stanyer, P (Ref)	1,323	3.70
Lab Majority	**19,588**	**54.78**

Total Vote 35,756 Turnout 57.46%
Swing C to Lab 9.31
1992: Total Vote 43,390 (66.43%) - Lab 26,977 (62.17%); C 11,285 (26.01%); LD 4,786 (11.03%); NLP 342 (0.79%); Lab Maj 15,692 (36.17%).

Graham Stringer, b Feb 17, 1950. Analytical chemist in plastics industry. Manchester city cllr (leader of council 1984-96). Chair, Manchester Airport plc. Ed Sheffield Univ.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 63,815 (66,475)		%Votes
+Lloyd, A J (Lab)	23,803	70.98
Firth, A (LD)	4,121	12.29
McIlwaine, S (C)	3,964	11.82
Rafferty, F (Soc Lab)	810	2.42
Maxwell, J (Ref)	742	2.21
Rigby, T (Comm Lge)	97	0.29
Lab Majority	**19,682**	**58.69**

Total Vote 33,537 Turnout 52.55%
Swing LD to Lab 0.03
1992: Total Vote 39,065 (58.77%) - Lab 27,009 (69.14%); C 7,581 (19.41%); LD 4,105 (10.51%); NLP 186 (0.47%); CL 185 (0.47%); Lab Maj 19,428 (49.73%).

Tony Lloyd, b Feb 25, 1950. MP for Stretford 1983-97. Lab spokesman on foreign affairs 1995-; environment spokesman 1994-95; education 1992-94; employment 1988-92; transport 1987-88; previously Lab whip. Joint vice-chair, all-party Transpennine party group; sec, British-Japanese group. Chair, PLP foreign affairs cttee, 1986-87; vice-chair, all-party Ecuadorean group, 1996-. Member, home affairs select cttee and its sub-cttee on race relations and immigration, 1985-87; social services select cttee 1983-85; joint vice-chair, PLP home affairs cttee, 1985-87; sec, NW group of Lab MPs. Trafford cllr 1979-84. Sponsored by GPMU 1992. Lecturer, Dept of Business and Admin, Salford Univ, 1979-83. Ed Stretford GS; Nottingham Univ; Manchester Business School.

MANCHESTER GORTON
Lab hold

Electorate 64,349 (62,673)		%Votes
+Kaufman, G (Lab)	23,704	65.28
Pearcey, J (LD)	6,362	17.52
Senior, G (C)	4,249	11.70
Hartley, K (Ref)	812	2.24
Fitz-Gibbon, S (Green)	683	1.88
Wongsam, T (Soc Lab)	501	1.38
Lab Majority	**17,342**	**47.76**

Total Vote 36,311 Turnout 56.43%
Swing Lab to LD 0.27
1992: Total Vote 37,953 (60.56%) - Lab 23,658 (62.33%); C 7,388 (19.47%); LD 5,324 (14.03%); Lib 766 (2.02%); Gm 595 (1.57%); Rev Comm 106 (0.28%); NLP 84 (0.22%); Int Comm 30 (0.08%); Lab Maj 16,270 (42.87%).

Gerald Kaufman, b June 21, 1930. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Manchester Ardwick 1970-83; contested Gillingham 1959, Bromley 1955. Chair, national heritage select cttee, 1992-97. Chief Lab spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs 1987-92; on home affairs 1983-87; in Shadow Cabinet 1980-92, being chief environment spokesman 1980-83; housing spokesman 1979-80. Min of State, Dept of Industry, 1975-79; Under Sec for Industry 1975; Under Sec for Environment 1974-75. Privy Counsellor 1978. Member, Lab NEC, 1991-92; party press liaison officer for Lab 1965-70. Asst sec, Fabian Soc, 1954-55. Political correspondent, New Statesman, 1964-65; political staff, Daily Mirror, 1955-64. Sponsored by GMB 1992. Ed Leeds GS; Queen's Coll, Oxford.

MANCHESTER WITHINGTON
Lab hold

Electorate 66,116 (63,987)		%Votes
+Bradley, K (Lab)	27,103	61.56
Smith, J (C)	8,522	19.36
Zalzala, Y (LD)	6,000	13.63
Sheppard, M (Ref)	1,079	2.45
Caldwell, S (ProLife)	614	1.39
White, J (Soc)	376	0.85
Kingston, S (Dream)	181	0.41
Gaskell, M (NLP)	152	0.35
Lab Majority	**18,581**	**42.20**

Total Vote 44,027 Turnout 66.59%
Swing C to Lab 10.40
1992: Total Vote 45,393 (70.94%) - Lab 23,907 (52.67%); C 14,193 (31.27%); LD 6,442 (14.19%); Gm 724 (1.59%); NLP 127 (0.28%); Lab Maj 9,714 (21.40%).

Keith Bradley, b May 17, 1950. Elected 1987. Lab road and rail spokesman 1996-97; social security spokesman 1991-96. Member, agriculture select cttee, 1989-91; campaign officer, NW group of Lab MPs, 1989-95. Manchester city cllr 1983-88; ex-city council dir of Manchester Ship Canal and Manchester Airport plc. Dir (unpaid) Parrs Wood Rural Trust. Former health service administrator, with NW RHA. Member, MSF; Cohse. Ed Manchester Poly; York Univ.

MANSFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 67,057 (67,809)		%Votes
*Meale, A (Lab)	30,556	64.43
Frost, T (C)	10,038	21.17
Smith, P (LD)	5,244	11.06
Bogusz, W (Ref)	1,588	3.35
Lab Majority	**20,518**	**43.26**

Total Vote 47,426 Turnout 70.72%
Swing C to Lab 10.59
1992: Total Vote 55,065 (81.45%) - Lab 29,932 (54.36%); C 18,208 (33.07%); LD 6,925 (12.58%); Lab Maj 11,724 (21.29%).

Alan Meale, b July 31, 1949. Elected 1987. Lab whip 1992-; member, select cttees on home affairs, 1989-92; Euro legislation 1988-89. Former joint vice-chair, PLP employment and energy cttees; chair, all-party beer club party group, 1993-; joint sec, animal welfare group; treas, association football party group, 1989-; sec, greyhound group; joint vice-chair, Ukraine group. Unpaid dir, Mansfield 2010; unpaid party spokesman and consultant to Stand By Me Club, devoted to promoting the song Stand By Me. Member, exec board, SSAFA; exec cttee on war pensions. Party and political adviser to Michael Meacher, MP, 1983-87. Personal asst, gen sec, Aslef, 1980-83; nat employment development officer, Nat Assoc for Care and Resettlement of Offenders, 1977-80. Engineering worker 1968-75; Merchant Navy seaman 1964-68. Sponsored by MSF 1992. Ed St Joseph's RC School; Ruskin Coll, Oxford.

MEDWAY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 61,736 (61,983)		%Votes
Marshall-Andrews, R (Lab)	21,858	48.85
*Fenner, Dame P (C)	16,504	36.88
Roberts, R (LD)	4,555	10.18
Main, J (Ref)	1,420	3.17
Radlett, S (UK Ind)	405	0.91
Lab Majority	**5,354**	**11.97**

Total Vote 44,742 Turnout 72.47%
Swing C to Lab 14.85
1992: Total Vote 49,527 (79.90%) - C 25,924 (52.34%); Lab 17,138 (34.60%); LD 4,751 (9.59%); Lib 1,480 (2.99%); NLP 234 (0.47%); C Maj 8,786 (17.74%).

Robert Marshall-Andrews, b April 10, 1944. QC and writer. Contested this seat 1992, Richmond upon Thames Oct 1974. Ex-chair, Richmond party. Member, Soc of Lab Lawyers. Trustee, Adamson Wildlife Trust and Geffrye Museum. Ed Mill Hill School; Bristol Univ.

MERIDEN
C hold

Electorate 76,287 (76,418)		%Votes
Spelman, C (C)	22,997	42.03
Seymour-Smith, B (Lab)	22,415	40.96
Dupont, T (LD)	7,098	12.97
Gilbert, P (Ref)	2,208	4.04
C Majority	**582**	**1.06**

Total Vote 54,718 Turnout 71.73%
Swing C to Lab 11.57
1992: Total Vote 60,714 (77.42%) - C 33,462 (55.11%); Lab 18,763 (30.90%); LD 8,489 (13.98%); C Maj 14,699 (24.21%).

Mrs Caroline Spelman, b May 4, 1958. Contested Bassetlaw 1992. Commercial negotiator specialising in purchase contracts for food and pharmaceutical industries; broker of commercial disputes. Deputy dir, International Confed of European Beetgrowers, 1984-89, and administrative sec to sugar beet cttee of NFU of England and Wales 1980-84. Research Fellow of Wye Coll, London; delegate to Gatt trade talks. Ed Herts and Essex Girls' GS; Queen Mary Coll, London Univ.

MIDDLESBROUGH
Lab hold

Electorate 70,931 (74,097)		%Votes
+Bell, S (Lab)	32,925	71.43
Benham, L (C)	7,907	17.15
Charlesworth, A (LD)	3,934	8.53
Edwards, B (Ref)	1,331	2.89
Lab Majority	**25,018**	**54.27**

Total Vote 46,097 Turnout 64.99%
Swing C to Lab 11.54
1992: Total Vote 54,892 (74.08%) - Lab 33,543 (61.11%); C 16,424 (29.92%); LD 4,925 (8.97%); Lab Maj 17,119 (31.19%).

Stuart Bell, b May 16, 1938. Barrister and writer. Elected 1983; contested Hexham 1979. Lab spokesman on trade and industry 1992-97, dealing with trade and corporate affairs; spokesman on N Ireland 1984-87. Joint vice-chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1990-92; former vice-chair, Northern group of Lab MPs; joint sec, all-party British-Israeli party group, 1990-. Founder member, British-Irish Inter-party body, 1990, and joint vice-chair 1990-93. Joint vice-chair, 1991-94, and exec cttee member 1990-91, British group, IPU. Newcastle city cllr 1980-83. Conseil Juridique and International lawyer, Paris, 1970-77. Member, Fabian Soc; Soc of Lab Lawyers. Ed Hookergate GS, Durham; Pitmans Coll; Council of Legal Ed, Gray's Inn.

MIDDLESBROUGH SOUTH & CLEVELAND EAST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,481 (69,836)		%Votes
Kumar, A (Lab)	29,319	54.71
+Bates, M (C)	18,712	34.92
Garrett, H (LD)	4,004	7.47
Batchelor, R (Ref)	1,552	2.90
Lab Majority	**10,607**	**19.79**

Total Vote 53,587 Turnout 76.03%
Swing C to Lab 11.14
1992: Total Vote 56,366 (80.71%) - C 25,802 (45.78%); Lab 24,401 (43.29%); LD 6,163 (10.93%); C Maj 1,401 (2.49%).

Dr Ashok Kumar, b May 28, 1956. Research officer with British Steel Technical since 1992. MP for Langbaurgh when he gained seat for Lab at 1991 by-election, but defeated in 1992 general election. Middlesbrough borough cllr 1987-. Research fellow, Imperial Coll of Science and Tech, 1982-85; senior research investigator, Teesside Laboratories, British Steel, 1985-91. Ed Aston Univ, Birmingham; Imperial Coll, London Univ.

MILTON KEYNES NORTH EAST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,395 (61,057)		%Votes
White, B (Lab)	20,201	39.43
+Butler, P (C)	19,961	38.96
Mabbutt, G A G (LD)	8,907	17.38
Phillips, M (Ref)	1,492	2.91
Francis, A (Green)	576	1.12
Simson, M (NLP)	99	0.19
Lab Majority	**240**	**0.47**

Total Vote 51,236 Turnout 72.76%
Swing C to Lab 14.19
1992: Total Vote 50,796 (83.20%) - C 26,212 (51.60%); Lab 12,036 (23.69%); LD 11,693 (23.02%); Gm 529 (1.04%); Ind C 249 (0.49%); NLP 79 (0.16%); C Maj 14,176 (27.91%).

Brian White, b May 5, 1957. Systems analyst for Abbey National plc; previously civil servant, HM Customs & Excise. Milton Keynes cllr (dep leader). Chair, Local Govt Assoc planning cttee; sec, LGA Lab group. Member, Southern and Central Region exec cttees.

MILTON KEYNES SOUTH WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,070 (65,788)		%Votes
Starkey, P (Lab)	27,298	53.78
*Legg, B (C)	17,006	33.50
Jones, P (LD)	6,065	11.95
Kelly, H (NLP)	389	0.77
Lab Majority	**10,292**	**20.28**

Total Vote 50,758 Turnout 71.42%
Swing C to Lab 14.72
1992: Total Vote 51,149 (77.75%) - C 23,840 (46.61%); Lab 19,153 (37.45%); LD 7,429 (14.52%); Gm 525 (1.03%); NLP 202 (0.39%); C Maj 4,687 (9.16%).

Mrs Phyllis Starkey, b Jan 4, 1947. Science policy administrator, ex-lecturer in obstetrics, Oxford Univ. Oxford city cllr 1983- (leader 1990-93). Assoc of Lab Cllrs rep on Lab NEC local govt cttee. Governor, Oxford Brookes Univ. Founder, Oxford Co-op youth movement. Member, MSF. Ed Perse School for Girls, Cambridge; Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford; Clare Hall, Cambridge.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

MITCHAM & MORDEN
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,385 (61,603)		%Votes
McDonagh, S (Lab)	27,984	58.37
*Rumbold, Dame A (C)	14,243	29.71
Harris, N (LD)	3,632	7.58
Isaacs, P (Ref)	810	1.69
Miller, L (BNP)	521	1.09
Walsh, T (Green)	415	0.87
Vasan, K (Ind)	144	0.30
Barrett, J (UK Ind)	117	0.24
Dixon, N (ACC)	80	0.17
Lab Majority	**13,741**	**28.66**

Total Vote 47,946 Turnout 73.33%
Swing C to Lab 16.02

1992: Total Vote 51,186 (83.09%) - C 23,789 (46.48%); Lab 22,055 (43.09%); LD 4,687 (9.16%); Grn 655 (1.28%); C Maj 1,734 (3.39%).

Ms Siobhain McDonagh, b Feb 20, 1960. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987. Development co-ordinator, Battersea churches housing trust. Voluntary adviser, Catholic housing advice service, Wandsworth; ex-member, Merton voluntary service council. Merton cllr 1982-. Ed Essex Univ.

MOLE VALLEY
C hold

Electorate 69,140 (70,500)		%Votes
+Beresford, Sir P (C)	26,178	48.01
Cooksey, S (LD)	15,957	29.27
Payne, C (Lab)	8,057	14.78
Taber, N (Ref)	2,424	4.45
Burley, R (Ind CRP)	1,276	2.34
Cameron, Capt I (UK Ind)	435	0.80
Thomas, J (NLP)	197	0.36
C Majority	**10,221**	**18.75**

Total Vote 54,524 Turnout 78.88%
Swing C to LD 6.98

1992: Total Vote 57,558 (81.64%) - C 35,313 (61.35%); LD 16,486 (28.64%); Lab 5,386 (9.36%); NLP 373 (0.65%); C Maj 18,827 (32.71%).

Sir Paul Beresford, b April 6, 1946. Dental surgeon. Won this seat 1997; MP for Croydon Central 1992-97. Environment Under Sec 1994-. Former vice-chair, C backbench housing improvement sub-cttee. Member, Audit Commission, 1991-92. Wandsworth cllr 1978-94 (leader 1983-92). Former member, AMA: Wandsworth, Sutton and Merton AHA; Wandsworth HA; Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton HA. Ed Richmond Primary and Waimea Coll, Nelson, New Zealand; Otago Univ, Dunedin, New Zealand; Eastman Dental Hospital, London Univ.

MORECAMBE & LUNESDALE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,013 (68,375)		%Votes
Smith, G (Lab)	24,061	48.86
+Lennox-Boyd, Sir M (C)	18,096	36.74
Greenwell, J (LD)	5,614	11.40
Ogilvie, I (Ref)	1,313	2.67
Walne, D (NLP)	165	0.34
Lab Majority	**5,965**	**12.11**

Total Vote 49,249 Turnout 72.41%
Swing C to Lab 16.95

1992: Total Vote 53,418 (78.13%) - C 26,292 (49.22%); Lab 15,720 (29.43%); LD 10,183 (19.06%); MBI 998 (1.87%); NLP 225 (0.42%); C Maj 10,572 (19.79%).

Ms Geraldine Smith, b Aug 29, 1961. Royal Mail clerical employee. Member, CWU. Ed Morecambe HS.

MORLEY & ROTHWELL
Lab hold

Electorate 68,385 (66,804)		%Votes
+Gunnell, W J (Lab)	26,836	58.47
Barraclough, A (C)	12,086	26.33
Galdas, M (LD)	5,087	11.08
Mitchell-Innes, D (Ref)	1,359	2.96
Wood, R (BNP)	381	0.83
Sammon, P (ProLife)	148	0.32
Lab Majority	**14,750**	**32.14**

Total Vote 45,897 Turnout 67.12%
Swing C to Lab 9.77

1992: Total Vote 50,199 (75.14%) - Lab 24,843 (49.49%); C 18,523 (36.90%); LD 6,506 (12.96%); Other 327 (0.65%); Lab Maj 6,320 (12.59%).

John Gunnell, b Oct 1, 1933. MP for Leeds S and Morley 1992-97; contested Leeds NE twice in 1974. Member, select cttees on broadcasting, 1992-; deregulation 1995-96; public service 1995-. Chair, all-party personal social services party group, 1995-; joint chair, opera group; sec, manufacturing industry group. Sec, PLP health and personal social services cttee. Leeds city cllr 1986-92; West Yorks metropolitan county cllr 1976-86. Hon president, Yorkshire and Humberside Development Assoc (chair, 1981-93) and of N of England Regional Consortium (chair 1984-92). Member, Audit Commission, 1983-90; Leeds Development Corp 1988-92; Leeds Healthcare 1990-92. Chair, Yorkshire Enterprise Ltd, 1982-90 and 1994-95; Yorkshire Fund Managers Ltd 1989-95, and now a non-exec director of both. Dir, Opera North Ltd; trustee, Nat Coal Mining Museum for England; hon dir, S Leeds Groundwork Trust Ltd (all unpaid). Adviser, Assembly of European Regions, 1986-. Ex-univ lecturer. Ed King Edward's, Birmingham; Leeds Univ.

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NEW FOREST EAST
C hold

Electorate 65,717 (64,361)		%Votes
Lewis, J (C)	21,053	50.06
Dawson, G (LD)	15,838	37.66
Goodfellow, A (Lab)	5,161	12.27
C Majority	**5,215**	**12.40**

Total Vote 42,052 Turnout 63.99%
Swing C to LD 3.81

1992: Total Vote 52,739 (81.94%) - C 27,980 (53.05%); LD 17,632 (33.43%); Lab 6,704 (12.71%); Other 423 (0.80%); C Maj 10,348 (19.62%).

Dr Julian Lewis, b Sept 26, 1951. Author. Dep director, C research dept, 1990-96; dir, Policy Research Associates, 1985-90; Coalition for Peace through Security, 1981-85. Military historian until 1981. Former party aide to MPs and peers. Ed Dynevor GS, Swansea; Balliol Coll, Oxford.

NEW FOREST WEST
C hold

Electorate 66,522 (63,917)		%Votes
Swayne, D (C)	25,149	50.55
Hale, R (LD)	13,817	27.77
Griffiths, D (Lab)	7,092	14.26
Elliott, M (Ref)	2,150	4.32
Holmes, M (UK Ind)	1,542	3.10
C Majority	**11,332**	**22.78**

Total Vote 49,750 Turnout 74.79%
Swing C to LD 3.70

1992: Total Vote 51,037 (79.85%) - C 30,982 (60.70%); LD 15,583 (30.53%); Lab 4,179 (8.19%); Other 293 (0.57%); C Maj 15,399 (30.17%).

Desmond Swayne, b Aug 20, 1956. Manager, Royal Bank of Scotland. Contested West Bromwich W 1992, Pontypridd 1987. Ex-schoolmaster: taught economics at Charterhouse and Wrekin Coll. TA officer, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomany Sqn. Prison visitor, Wormwood Scrubs and formerly Wandsworth Prison. Member, Bow Group. Ed Bedford School; St Andrews Univ (pres, univ C assoc).

NEWARK
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,763 (69,353)		%Votes
Jones, F (Lab)	23,496	45.21
*Alexander, R (C)	20,480	39.41
Harris, P (LD)	5,960	11.47
Creedy, G (Ref)	2,035	3.92
Lab Majority	**3,016**	**5.80**

Total Vote 51,971 Turnout 74.50%
Swing C to Lab 10.18

1992: Total Vote 56,536 (81.52%) - C 28,494 (50.40%); Lab 20,265 (35.84%); LD 7,342 (12.99%); Grn 435 (0.77%); C Maj 8,229 (14.56%).

Ms Fiona Jones, b Feb 27, 1957. Journalist. Contested Gainsborough and Horncastle 1992. West Lindsey district cllr 1990-94. Chair, Lincs branch, NUJ, 1989-. Member, Rural Revival. Ed Mary Help of Christians GS, Liverpool.

NEWBURY
LD gain from C

Electorate 73,680 (71,100)		%Votes
+Rendel, D (LD)	29,887	52.92
Benyon, R (C)	21,370	37.84
Hannon, P (Lab)	3,107	5.50
Snook, T (Ref)	992	1.76
Stark, R (Green)	644	1.14
Tubb, R (UK Ind)	302	0.53
Howse, K (Soc Lab)	174	0.31
LD Majority	**8,517**	**15.08**

Total Vote 56,478 Turnout 76.65%
Swing C to LD 16.93

1992: Total Vote 58,882 (82.79%) - C 32,898 (55.89%); LD 21,841 (37.11%); Lab 3,584 (6.09%); Grn 539 (0.92%); C Maj 11,057 (18.78%).

David Rendel, b April 15, 1949. Management consultant and financial analyst. Won this seat in 1993 by-election; contested it 1992 and 1987, Fulham 1983 and 1979. LD spokesman on local government 1993-. Joint vice-chair, all-party welfare of park home owners party group. Newbury district cllr 1987-95. Employed by Shell International 1974-77; British Gas 1977-78; Esso Petroleum 1978-90. Ed Eton; Magdalen Coll, Oxford (where he rowed in 1974 Boat Race crew); St Cross Coll, Oxford.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
Lab hold

Electorate 66,686 (66,889)		%Votes
*Golding, L (Lab)	27,743	56.47
Hayes, M (C)	10,537	21.45
Studd, R (LD)	6,858	13.96
Suttle, K (Ref)	1,510	3.07
Mountford, S (Lib)	1,399	2.85
Bell, B (Soc Lab)	1,082	2.20
Lab Majority	**17,206**	**35.02**

Total Vote 49,129 Turnout 73.67%
Swing C to Lab 8.32

1992: Total Vote 53,506 (79.98%) - Lab 25,652 (47.94%); C 15,813 (29.55%); LD 11,727 (21.92%); NLP 314 (0.59%); Lab Maj 9,839 (18.39%).

Mrs Llin Golding, b March 21, 1933. Won 1986 by-election for this seat. Lab spokesman on agriculture 1995-; on children and families 1993-95; on social security 1992-95; Lab whip 1987-92. Member, Commons standing orders cttee, 1992-97; broadcasting select cttee 1990-91. Joint chair, all-party homelessness and housing need party group, 1989-; vice-chair, glass group; joint vice-chair, prevention of solvent abuse, children, war crimes, and drugs misuse groups; treas, racing and bloodstock industries, diabetic and prisoners abroad groups. Member, exec cttee, British group, IPU. Joint vice-chair, PLP home affairs cttee, 1987-92; PLP party affairs cttee; PLP children and family cttee, 1995-. Match sec, Lords and Commons Fly Fishing Club. Dir, Handicapped Anglers Trust and of Foster and Angler; trustee, NSPCC and the charity Safe; member, Commonwealth War Graves Commission (all unpaid). Ed Caerphilly Girls' GS; Cardiff Royal Infirmary School of Radiography.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 69,781 (69,376)		%Votes
+Cousins, J (Lab)	27,272	59.17
Newmark, B (C)	10,792	23.42
Berry, R (LD)	6,911	15.00
Coxon, C (Ref)	1,113	2.41
Lab Majority	**16,480**	**35.76**

Total Vote 46,088 Turnout 66.05%
Swing C to Lab 9.61

1992: Total Vote 48,882 (70.46%) - Lab 25,281 (51.72%); C 17,393 (35.58%); LD 6,208 (12.70%); Lab Maj 7,888 (16.14%).

Jim Cousins, b Feb 23, 1944. Gained this seat 1987. Lab spokesman on foreign affairs 1994-95; spokesman on trade and industry 1992-94. Member, select cttees on public service, 1995-97, and trade and industry 1989-92. Vice-chair, Northern group of Lab MPs, 1995-; PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee 1989-90; chair, science sub-cttee of PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1989-92; treas, all-party Central Asia group, 1996-. From 1966, a contract researcher and lecturer in steel, shipbuilding and inner city job markets for trade unions, Commission on Industrial Relations and Depts of Employment and Environment. Tyne and Wear county cllr 1973-86 (dep leader 1981-86); Wallsend borough cllr 1969-73. Ed New Coll, Oxford; LSE.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE EAST & WALLSEND
Lab hold

Electorate 63,272 (65,989)		%Votes
+Brown, N H (Lab)	29,607	71.19
Middleton, J (C)	5,796	13.94
Morgan, G (LD)	4,415	10.62
Cossins, P (Ref)	966	2.32
Carpenter, B (Soc Lab)	642	1.54
Levy, M (Comm Brit)	163	0.39
Lab Majority	**23,811**	**57.25**

Total Vote 41,589 Turnout 65.73%
Swing C to Lab 11.28

1992: Total Vote 46,259 (70.10%) - Lab 26,466 (57.21%); C 10,421 (22.53%); LD 8,628 (18.65%); Other 744 (1.61%); Lab Maj 16,045 (34.69%).

Nick Brown, b June 13, 1950. MP for Newcastle East 1983-97. Lab dep chief whip 1996-, was senior whip in charge of organisation 1995-96; Lab spokesman on health 1994-95; Shadow Dep Leader of House and Lab campaign co-ordinator 1992-94; spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs 1988-92; on legal affairs 1985-87. Treas, Party and Scientific Cttee, 1991-; Party Office of Science and Technology 1991-. Legal adviser, northern region of GMB, 1978-83. Newcastle upon Tyne city cllr 1980-84. Ed Swattenden Sec Mod; Tunbridge Wells Tech HS; Manchester Univ.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 65,357 (67,356)		%Votes
*Henderson, D J (Lab)	28,125	62.18
White, G (C)	8,793	19.44
Allen, P (LD)	6,578	14.54
Chipchase, D (Ref)	1,733	3.83
Lab Majority	**19,332**	**42.74**

Total Vote 45,229 Turnout 69.20%
Swing C to Lab 12.57

1992: Total Vote 50,838 (75.48%) - Lab 25,121 (49.41%); C 16,175 (31.82%); LD 9,542 (18.77%); Lab Maj 8,946 (17.60%).

Doug Henderson, b June 9, 1949. Former trade union officer. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on home affairs 1995, and in 1996 given special brief on devolution; spokesman on public service 1994-95; local gvt 1992-94; trade and industry 1988-92. Sec, all-party British-Russia group. Chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1987-88; sec, GMB party group, 1987-. Member, exec, Scottish Council of Lab Party, 1979-87 (chair 1984-85). Regional official of GMB (small honorarium); full-time regional organiser, GMWU and then GMB, 1975-87; research officer GMWU 1973-75; clerk, British Rail, 1969; apprentice, Rolls-Royce, 1966-68. Dirr, Ossian Economic Services Ltd; Premier Management International; unpaid dir, London Moscow Foundation. Consultant to Machine Tool Technologies Assoc. Ed Wald Acad, Anstruther, Fife; Central Coll, Glasgow; Strathclyde Univ.

NORFOLK MID
C hold

Electorate 75,311 (71,208)		%Votes
Simpson, K (C)	22,739	39.58
Zeichner, D (Lab)	21,403	37.25
Frary, S (LD)	8,617	15.00
Holder, N (Ref)	3,229	5.62
Park, T (Green)	1,254	2.18
Parker, B (NLP)	215	0.37
C Majority	**1,336**	**2.33**

Total Vote 57,457 Turnout 76.29%
Swing C to Lab 13.07

1992: Total Vote 59,543 (83.62%) - C 32,481 (54.55%); Lab 15,537 (26.09%); LD 11,316 (19.00%); NLP 209 (0.35%); C Maj 16,944 (28.46%).

Keith Simpson, b March 29, 1949. Contested Plymouth Devonport 1992. Political adviser to Tom King, Defence Sec, 1988-91. Director, Cranfield Security Studies Inst, Cranfield Univ; senior lecturer in war studies and international affairs, RMA Sandhurst, 1973-86. Head, foreign affairs and defence section, C research *dept*, 1986-88. Vice-chair, Federation of C Students, 1972-73. Author of five books on military history. Ed Thorpe GS; Hull Univ; postgraduate research, King's Coll, London Univ.

NORFOLK NORTH
C hold

Electorate 77,113 (73,728)		%Votes
Prior, D (C)	21,456	36.48
Lamb, N (LD)	20,163	34.28
Cullingham, M (Lab)	14,736	25.06
Allen, J (Ref)	2,458	4.18
C Majority	**1,293**	**2.20**

Total Vote 58,813 *Turnout* 76.27%
Swing C to LD 9.31

1992: Total Vote 59,751 (81.04%) - C 28,810 (48.22%); LD 16,365 (27.39%); Lab 13,850 (23.18%); Grn 559 (0.94%); NLP 167 (0.28%); C Maj 12,445 (20.83%).

David Prior, b Dec 30, 1954. Barrister; chair, Lurmark Ltd, *manufacturers of plastic and metal components for agricultural and industrial spraying*; director of various companies; previously with British Steel. Member, trade and industry policy group; govt working group on agriculture for Eastern Europe and old Soviet Union. Dir, Burnbake Trust, charity which helps to rehabilitate ex-prisoners. Ed Orwell Park School; Charterhouse; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge; Inns of Court School of Law. Son of Lord Prior, former C minister.

NORFOLK NORTH WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 77,083 (77,626)		%Votes
Turner, G (Lab)	25,250	43.84
*Bellingham, H (C)	23,911	41.51
Knowles, E (LD)	5,513	9.57
Percival, R (Ref)	2,923	5.07
Lab Majority	**1,339**	**2.32**

Total Vote 57,597 Turnout 74.72%
Swing C to Lab 10.42

1992: Total Vote 62,473 (80.48%) - C 32,554 (52.11%); Lab 20,990 (33.60%); *LD 8,599 (13.76%)*; NLP 330 (0.53%); C Maj 11,564 (18.51%).

Dr George Turner, b Aug 9, 1940. Contested this seat in 1992. Univ lecturer in electronic engineering. Member, Norfolk County Council, 1977- (group ldr, 1985-90; ed speaker, 1979-85 and 1990-); Norfolk Police Authority. Ed Laxton GS, Oundle; Imperial Coll, London; Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge. AUT.

NORFOLK SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 79,239 (76,494)		%Votes
+MacGregor, J (C)	24,935	40.15
Hacker, B (LD)	17,557	28.27
Ross, J (Lab)	16,188	26.07
Bateson, P (Ref)	2,533	4.08
Ross-Wagenknecht, S (Green)	484	0.78
Boddy, A (UK Ind)	400	0.64
C Majority	**7,378**	**11.88**

Total Vote 62,097 Turnout 78.37%
Swing C to LD 6.78

1992: Total Vote 64,310 (84.07%) - C 33,669 (52.35%); LD 17,305 (26.91%); Lab 11,841 (18.41%); Grn 682 (1.06%); Ind 320 (0.50%); NLP 300 (0.47%); Ind C 213 (0.33%); C Maj 16,364 (25.45%).

John MacGregor, b Feb 14, 1937. Elected Feb 1974. Transport Sec 1992-94; Lord President of Council and Leader of Commons 1990-92; Education Sec 1989-90; Min of Ag, Fish and Food 1987-89; joined Cabinet as Treasury Chief Sec 1985; Min of State, MAFF, 1983-85; Under Sec for Industry, 1981-83; gvt whip 1979-81. Privy Counsellor 1985. Opposition whip 1977-79. Member, standards and privilges select cttee, 1996-97. Pres, all-party magic group. Special assistant to Sir Alec Douglas-Home when PM, 1963-64, and head of Edward Heath's private office, 1965-68. Dep chair (non-exec), Hill Samuel & Co Ltd, 1994- (with them 1968-79, and a director 1973-79); non-exec dir, Associated British Foods plc, 1994-; Slough Estates plc, 1995-; Unigate plc, 1996-. Member, UK food and agribusiness board; Rabobank International (both unpaid). Ed Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh; St Andrews Univ; King's Coll London.

NORFOLK SOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 80,236 (78,711)		%Votes
+Shephard, G (C)	24,694	42.00
Heffernan, A (Lab)	22,230	37.81
Buckton, D (LD)	8,178	13.91
Hoare, R (Ref)	3,694	6.28
C Majority	**2,464**	**4.19**

Total Vote 58,796 Turnout 73.28%
Swing C to Lab 11.75

1992: Total Vote 62,289 (79.14%) - C 34,098 (54.74%); Lab 16,848 (27.05%); LD 11,343 (18.21%); *C Maj* 17,250 (27.69%).

Mrs Gillian Shephard, b Jan 22, 1940. Elected 1987. Secretary of State for Education and Employment 1995-97; Education Sec, 1994-95; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Min 1993-94; joined Cabinet in 1992 as Employment Sec. Min of State, Treasury, 1990-92; Social Security Under Sec 1989-90. Privy Counsellor 1992. PPS to Peter Lilley, then Economic Sec to Treasury, 1988-89. A dep chair, C Party, 1991-92; co-chair, Women's Nat Commission, 1990-91. Member, social services select cttee, 1987-88. Joint sec, C backbench health and social services cttee, 1987-88. Chair, Norwich HA, 1985-87; W Norfolk and Wisbech HA 1981-85. Norfolk county cllr 1977-89. Ex-schools inspector and Mental Health Act commissioner. Ed N Walsham Girls' HS, Norfolk; St Hilda's Coll, Oxford (Hon Fellow, 1991).

NORMANTON
Lab hold

Electorate 62,980 (61,873)		%Votes
+O'Brien, W (Lab)	26,046	60.57
Bulmer, F (C)	10,153	23.61
Ridgway, D (LD)	5,347	12.43
Shuttleworth, K (Ref)	1,458	3.39
Lab Majority	**15,893**	**36.96**

Total Vote 43,004 Turnout 68.28%
Swing C to Lab 10.71

1992: Total Vote 46,281 (74.80%) - Lab 23,659 (51.12%); C 16,467 (35.58%); LD 6,155 (13.30%); Lab Maj 7,192 (15.54%).

Bill O'Brien, b Jan 25, 1929. Ex-miner. Elected 1983. Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1992-94; on local gvt 1987-92. Member, PAC, 1983-88, and energy select cttee 1986-88. Ex-chair, PLP home affairs cttee. Joint chair, all-party sustainable waste management group, 1995-; sec/treas, waterways group; treas, all-party building societies group; joint sec, police group. Urban, county and metropolitan district cllr 1951-83, serving on Wakefield District Council 1973-83. Miner 1945-83; NUM branch official 1956-83 (member since 1945). JP. Ed St Joseph's School, Castleford; Leeds Univ (day release).

NORTHAMPTON NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 73,664 (73,395)		%Votes
Keeble, S (Lab)	27,247	52.70
+Marlow, T (C)	17,247	33.36
Dunbar, L (LD)	6,579	12.73
Torbica, D (UK Ind)	464	0.90
Spivack, B (NLP)	161	0.31
Lab Majority	**10,000**	**19.34**

Total Vote 51,698 Turnout 70.18%
Swing C to Lab 13.26

1992: Total Vote 56,739 (77.31%) - C 25,972 (45.77%); Lab 21,905 (38.61%); LD 8,630 (15.21%); NLP 232 (0.41%); C Maj 4,067 (7.17%).

Ms Sally Keeble, b Oct 13, 1951. Journalist and author. Former head of GMB communications. Southwark cllr (leader 1993). Member, Fabian Soc; Anti-Racist Alliance. Ed Oxford Univ; Univ of South Africa.

NORTHAMPTON SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,384 (73,499)		%Votes
Clark, T (Lab)	24,214	42.40
+Morris, M (C)	23,470	41.10
Worgan, T (LD)	6,316	11.06
Petrie, C (Ref)	1,405	2.46
Clark, D R (UK Ind)	1,159	2.03
Woollcombe, G (NLP)	541	0.95
Lab Majority	**744**	**1.30**

Total Vote 57,105 Turnout 71.94%
Swing C to Lab 13.38

1992: Total Vote 59,107 (80.42%) - C 32,898 (55.66%); Lab 17,854 (30.21%); LD 8,355 (14.14%); C Maj 15,044 (25.45%).

Tony Clarke, b Sept 6, 1963. Social work trainer, Northants County Council. Northampton borough cllr 1991-. Manager/coach, Northampton Labour Club football team; vice-chair Northampton Town Supporters Trust. Member, GMB; Apex. Ed Inst of Training and Development; Inst of Safety and Health.

NORTHAVON
LD gain from C

Electorate 78,943 (74,496)		%Votes
Webb, S (LD)	26,500	30.50
+Cope, Sir J (C)	24,363	28.04
Stone, R E (Lab)	9,767	11.24
Parfitt, J (Ref)	1,900	2.19
LD Majority	**2,137**	**2.46**

Total Vote 86,893 Turnout 110.07%
Swing C to LD 9.89

1992: Total Vote 63,133 (84.75%) - C 32,700 (51.80%); LD 21,759 (34.47%); Lab 7,625 (12.08%); Grn 709 (1.12%); Lib 340 (0.54%); C Maj 10,941 (17.33%).

Steven Webb, b July 18, 1965. Professor of social policy at Bath Univ since 1995; formerly worked for Inst of Fiscal Studies. Member, Amnesty; World Development Movement. Ed Dartmouth HS, Birmingham; Hertford Coll, Oxford.

NORWICH NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,521 (71,785)		%Votes
Gibson, I (Lab)	27,346	49.67
Kinghorn, R R F (C)	17,876	32.47
Young, P (LD)	6,951	12.63
Bailey-Smith, T (Ref)	1,777	3.23
Marks, H (LCP)	512	0.93
Hood, J (Soc Lab)	495	0.90
Mills, D (NLP)	*100*	*0.18*
Lab Majority	**9,470**	**17.20**

Total Vote 55,057 Turnout 75.92%
Swing C to Lab 10.56

1992: Total Vote 57,851 (80.59%) - C 25,558 (44.18%); Lab 23,288 (40.26%); LD 8,462 (14.63%); Grn 446 (0.77%); NLP 97 (0.17%); C Maj 2,270 (3.92%).

Dr Ian Gibson, b Sept 26, 1938. Contested this seat in 1992. Dean of Biological Sciences, Univ of East Anglia. Member, Medical Research Council and Cancer Research Campaign grants cttees. Governor, John Innes Biotechnology Centre. Former exec cttee member, ASTMS/MSF. Founder and coach, Red Rose FC for 8 to 11-year-old children. Ed Dumfries local state schools; Edinburgh Univ.

NORWICH SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 70,009 (69,638)		%Votes
Clarke, C (Lab)	26,267	51.71
Khanbhai, B (C)	12,028	23.68
Aalders-Dunthorne, A (LD)	9,457	18.62
Holdsworth, D (Ref)	1,464	2.88
Marks, H (LCP)	765	1.51
Holmes, A (Green)	736	1.45
Parsons, B (NLP)	84	0.17
Lab Majority	**14,239**	**28.03**

Total Vote 50,801 Turnout 72.56%
Swing C to Lab 10.10

1992: Total Vote 55,568 (79.80%) - Lab 25,546 (45.97%); C 21,196 (38.14%); LD 7,820 (14.07%); Grn 891 (1.60%); NLP 115 (0.21%); Lab Maj 4,350 (7.83%).

Charles Clarke, b Sept 21, 1950. Public affairs management consultant; former head of Neil Kinnock's private office. Ed Cambridge Univ. Former president, NUS.

NOTTINGHAM EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 65,581 (68,465)		%Votes
*Heppell, J (Lab)	24,755	62.29
Raca, A J (C)	9,336	23.49
Mulloy, K (LD)	4,008	10.08
Brown, B (Ref)	1,645	4.14
Lab Majority	**15,419**	**38.80**

Total Vote 39,744 Turnout 60.60%
Swing C to Lab 11.33

1992: Total Vote 47,615 (69.55%) - Lab 25,026 (52.56%); C 17,346 (36.43%); LD 3,695 (7.76%); Grn 667 (1.40%); Lib 598 (1.26%); NLP 283 (0.59%); Lab Maj 7,680 (16.13%).

John Heppell, b Nov 3, 1948. Former full-time councillor; previously a workshop supervisor, British Rail. Regained this seat for Lab in 1992. Joint vice-chair, PLP transport cttee; chair, all-party home safety group; head injuries group; treas, breast cancer group. Nottinghamshire county cllr, 1981-93. Member, Co-op Pty; Nottingham Anti-Apartheid; Edwards Lane Community Assoc; Longdale Tenants and Residents Association. Ed Rutherford GS; SE Northumberland Tech Coll; Ashington Tech Coll.

NOTTINGHAM NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 65,698 (70,202)		%Votes
*Allen, G (Lab)	27,203	65.71
Shaw, G (C)	8,402	20.29
Oliver, R (LD)	3,301	7.97
Neal, J (Ref)	1,858	4.49
Belfield, A (Soc)	637	1.54
Lab Majority	**18,801**	**45.41**

Total Vote 41,401 Turnout 63.02%
Swing C to Lab 12.40

1992: Total Vote 52,112 (74.23%) - Lab 29,052 (55.75%); C 18,309 (35.13%); LD 4,477 (8.59%); NLP 274 (0.53%); Lab Maj 10,743 (20.62%).

Graham Allen, b Jan 11, 1953. Won seat 1987. Appointed Labour spokesman on transport in 1995; a spokesman on national heritage, 1994-95; media, 1994; home affairs, 1992-94; social security, 1991-92. Member, select cttees on procedure, 1990-91; members' interests, 1987-90; consolidation Bills, 1987-91; PAC, 1988-91. Chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1990-91. Occasional party adviser, Communication *Managers Assoc. Joint vice-chair*, all-party cricket group. Regional and research and ed officer, GMB, 1986-87; nat coordinator, political funds campaign for trades union co-ordinating cttee, 1984-86; GLC local gvt officer, 1983-84; Lab Party research officer, 1978-83. Ed Forest Fields GS; City of London Poly; Leeds Univ.

NOTTINGHAM SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 72,418 (72,437)		%Votes
*Simpson, A (Lab)	26,825	55.29
Kirsch, B (C)	13,461	27.74
Long, G D (LD)	6,265	12.91
Thompson, K (Ref)	1,523	3.14
Edwards, S (Nat Dem)	446	0.92
Lab Majority	**13,364**	**27.54**

Total Vote 48,520 Turnout 67.00%
Swing C to Lab 10.83

1992: Total Vote 54,032 (74.59%) - Lab 25,771 (47.70%); C 22,590 (41.81%); LD 5,408 (10.01%); NLP 263 (0.49%); Lab Maj 3,181 (5.89%).

Alan Simpson, b Sept 20, 1948. Won this seat in 1992; contested it 1987. Sec, Campaign group of Lab MPs. Unpaid member, board, Tribune Newspapers. Vice-chair, central region group of Lab MPs. Joint vice-chair, all-party Future of Europe Trust group. Sec, warm homes group. Former chair, WasteNotts Ltd, a Notts County Council waste disposal company. Notts county cllr, 1985-93. Information officer with Nottingham Racial Equality Council, 1979-92; community worker, Nottingham areas project, 1974-78. Author of books and articles on racism and on housing policies. Ed Bootle GS; Nottingham Poly. Nupe.

NUNEATON
Lab hold

Electorate 72,032 (71,826)		%Votes
*Olner, B (Lab)	30,080	56.21
Blunt, R (C)	16,540	30.91
Cockings, R (LD)	4,732	8.84
English, R (Ref)	1,533	2.86
Bray, D (Loc Ind)	390	0.73
Everitt, P (UK Ind)	238	0.44
Lab Majority	**13,540**	**25.30**

Total Vote 53,513 Turnout 74.25%
Swing C to Lab 11.28

1992: Total Vote 59,354 (82.52%) - Lab 27,157 (45.75%); C 25,526 (43.01%); LD 6,671 (11.24%); Lab Maj 1,631 (2.75%).

Bill Olner, b May 9, 1942. Engineer with Rolls-Royce and former shop steward. Gained the seat for Labour in 1992. Member, environment select cttee, 1995-97. Joint vice-chair, PLP employment cttee; chair, all-party child abduction group, 1994-; joint vice-chair, cable and satellite TV group, engineering development group; welfare of park home owners group. Mmeber, exec cttee, CPA, 1995-. Nuneaton and Bedworth borough cllr, 1972-92 (leader, 1982-87); mayor of Nuneaton and Bedford, 1986-87; chair, environmental health cttee, 1990-92. Co-founder, Mary Ann Evans Hospice, Nuneaton, and chair, hospice trustees. Ed Atherstone Sec Mod School; N Warwickshire Tech Coll.

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OLD BEXLEY & SIDCUP
C hold

Electorate 68,044 (68,877)		%Votes
+Heath, Sir E (C)	21,608	42.05
Justham, R (Lab)	18,039	35.10
King, I (LD)	8,284	16.12
Reading, B (Ref)	2,457	4.78
Bullen, C R (UK Ind)	489	0.95
Tyndall, V (BNP)	415	0.81
Stephens, R (NLP)	99	0.19
C Majority	**3,569**	**6.94**

Total Vote 51,391 Turnout 75.53%
Swing C to Lab 14.10

1992: Total Vote 55,686 (80.85%) - C 31,340 (56.28%); Lab 11,768 (21.13%); LD 11,642 (20.91%); Alt C 780 (1.40%); NLP 156 (0.28%); C Maj 19,572 (35.15%).

Sir Edward Heath, b July 9, 1916. Father of the House of Commons since 1992. Leader of C Party, 1965-75. Prime Minister, 1970-74, and *Leader of the Opposition*, 1965-70, and from Feb 1974-75. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Bexley Sidcup, 1974-83, and for Bexley, 1950-74. Sec of State for Industry, Trade and Regional Development, 1963-64; Lord Privy Seal, 1960-63, being chief Foreign Office spokesman in Commons; led UK team in negotiations to join EEC; Labour min, 1959-60; Gvt chief whip, 1955-59; dep Gvt chief whip, 1952-55; Govt whip, 1951-52. Musician; hon member, London Symphony Orchestra, 1974-; vice-pres, Bach Choir, since 1970. International yachtsman and author. Member, Brandt Commission on Third World, 1977-83. Member, board of governors, Centre for Global Energy Studies. Ed Chatham House School, Ramsgate; Balliol Coll, Oxford (pres of Union, 1939).

OLDHAM EAST & SADDLEWORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 73,189 (74,061)		%Votes
Woolas, P (Lab)	22,546	41.67
+Davies, C G (LD)	19,157	35.41
Hudson, J (C)	10,666	19.71
Findley, D (Ref)	1,116	2.06
Smith, J (Soc Lab)	470	0.87
Dalling, I (NLP)	146	0.27
Lab Majority	**3,389**	**6.26**

Total Vote 54,101 Turnout 73.92%
Swing LD to Lab 5.24

1992: Total Vote 57,283 (77.35%) - C 20,271 (35.39%); LD 19,712 (34.41%); Lab 17,300 (30.20%); C Maj 559 (0.98%).

Phil Woolas, b Dec 11, 1959. Contested 1995 Littleborough and Saddleworth by-election. Director of communications, GMB; former TV producer in current affairs. Pres, NUS, 1986-87. Political adviser to Friends of John McCarthy campaign. Pres, NUS, 1984-86. Member, Lancashire CCC. Ed Nelson GS; Nelson and Colne Coll; Manchester Univ.

OLDHAM WEST & ROYTON
Lab hold

Electorate 69,203 (70,300)		%Votes
+Meacher, M H (Lab)	26,894	58.80
Lord, J (C)	10,693	23.38
Cohen, H (LD)	5,434	11.88
Choudhury, G (Soc Lab)	1,311	2.87
Etherden, P (Ref)	1,157	2.53
Dalling, S (NLP)	249	0.54
Lab Majority	**16,201**	**35.42**

Total Vote 45,738 Turnout 66.09%
Swing C to Lab 12.22

1992: Total Vote 52,733 (75.01%) - Lab 25,887 (49.09%); C 20,093 (38.10%); LD 6,031 (11.44%); Other 722 (1.37%); Lab Maj 5,794 (10.99%).

Michael Meacher, b Nov 4, 1939. MP for Oldham West, 1970-97; contested Colchester 1966. *Member of shadow Cabinet since* 1983. Appointed party spokesman on environmental protection in 1996; spokesman on employment, 1995-96; on transport, 1994-95; on Citizen's Charter, 1993-94; overseas development and co-operation, 1992-93; social security, 1989-92; employment, 1987-89; health and social security, 1983-87. Contested dep leadership of Lab Party after 1983 election. Under sec for trade, 1976-79; for health and social security, 1975-76, and for industry, 1974-75. Member, Labour NEC, 1983-88. Visiting Professor, Dept of Sociology, Surrey Univ, 1980-87. Ed Berkhamsted School; New Coll, Oxford; LSE.

ORPINGTON
C hold

Electorate 78,749 (82,032)		%Votes
+Horam, J (C)	24,417	40.59
Maines, C (LD)	21,465	35.68
Polydorou, S (Lab)	10,753	17.87
Clark, D (Ref)	2,316	3.85
Carver, J B (UK Ind)	526	0.87
Almond, R (Lib)	494	0.82
Wilton, N (ProLife)	191	0.32
C Majority	**2,952**	**4.91**

Total Vote 60,162 Turnout 76.40%
Swing C to LD 11.02

1992: Total Vote 66,532 (81.10%) - C 36,770 (55.27%); LD 18,840 (28.32%); Lab 9,837 (14.79%); Lib 1,085 (1.63%); C Maj 17,930 (26.95%).

John Horam, b March 7, 1939. *Elected for this seat as C in 1992*: Lab MP for Gateshead West, 1970-81, and SDP MP for that seat, 1981-83; contested Newcastle Central 1983. Appointed under sec for health in Nov 1995; public services and science junior min and junior min for Citizen's Charter in Deputy Prime Minister's office, 1995. Joined C Party, Feb 1987. Labour Under Sec for Transport, 1976-79 and Lab spokesman on economic affairs, 1979-81; SDP spokesman on economic affairs, 1981-83. Economist. Leader and feature writer, The Economist, 1965-68, and Financial Times, 1962-65. Managing director, Commodities Research Unit Ltd, 1968-70 and 1983-92. Deputy chair, CRU International Ltd, 1992-95. Ed Silcoates School, Wakefield; St Catharine's Coll, Cambridge.

OXFORD EAST
Lab hold

Electorate 69,339 (68,309)		%Votes
+Smith, A (Lab)	27,205	56.82
Djanogly, J (C)	10,540	22.01
Kershaw, G (LD)	7,038	14.70
Young, M (Ref)	1,391	2.91
Simmons, C (Green)	975	2.04
Harper-Jones, W (Embryo)	318	0.66
Gardner, P B (UK Ind)	234	0.49
Thompson, J (NLP)	108	0.23
Mylvaganam, P (Anti-maj)	68	0.14
Lab Majority	**16,665**	**34.81**

Total Vote 47,877 Turnout 69.05%
Swing C to Lab 9.06

1992: Total Vote 49,832 (72.95%) - Lab 25,031 (50.23%); C 16,718 (33.55%); LD 6,971 (13.99%); Grn 959 (1.92%); NLP 104 (0.21%); Rev Comm 49 (0.10%); Lab Maj 8,313 (16.68%).

Andrew Smith, b Feb 1, 1951. Won this seat in 1987; contested it 1983. Appointed shadow transport sec in 1996; shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, 1994-96; spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, 1992-94; spokesman on higher and continuing education, 1988-92. Member, social services select cttee, 1988-89. Oxford City cllr, 1976-87 (chair planning cttee, 1984-87, and recreation cttee, 1980-83). Chair, board of governors, Oxford Brookes Univ, 1987-93. Ed Reading GS; St John's Coll, Oxford.

OXFORD WEST & ABINGDON
LD gain from C

Electorate 79,329 (77,866)		%Votes
Harris, E (LD)	26,268	42.92
Harris, L (C)	19,983	32.65
Brown, S (Lab)	12,361	20.20
Eustace, G (Ref)	1,258	2.06
Woodin, M (Green)	691	1.13
Buckton, R (UK Ind)	258	0.42
Hodge, L (ProLife)	238	0.39
Wilson, A (NLP)	91	0.15
Rose, J (LGR)	48	0.08
LD Majority	**6,285**	**10.27**

Total Vote 61,196 Turnout 77.14%
Swing C to LD 10.34

1992: Total Vote 59,749 (76.73%) - C 27,630 (46.24%); LD 21,408 (35.83%); Lab 9,642 (16.14%); Grn 686 (1.15%); Lib 202 (0.34%); Anti-Fed 102 (0.17%); NLP 79 (0.13%); C Maj 6,222 (10.41%).

Dr Evan Harris, b Oct 21, 1965. Doctor/public health registrar. Press officer for BMA. Active trade unionist, rep on BMA Council. Member, Stonewall; ASH; Green Democrats. Ed Blue Coat School, Liverpool; Wadham Coll, Oxford.

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PENDLE
Lab hold

Electorate 63,049 (64,590)		%Votes
*Prentice, G (Lab)	25,059	53.28
Midgeley, J (C)	14,235	30.26
Greaves, T (LD)	5,460	11.61
Hockney, D (Ref)	2,281	4.85
Lab Majority	**10,824**	**23.01**

Total Vote 47,035 Turnout 74.60%
Swing C to Lab 9.52

1992: Total Vote 53,120 (82.24%) - Lab 23,497 (44.23%); C 21,384 (40.26%); LD 7,976 (15.02%); Anti-Fed 263 (0.50%); Lab Maj 2,113 (3.98%).

Gordon Prentice, b Jan 28, 1951. Won this seat for Labour in 1992. Member, select cttees on agriculture, 1996-; deregulation, 1995-; joint select cttee and select cttee on statutory instruments. Chair, PLP environment cttee, 1994-; vice-chair, NW group of Lab MPs, 1995-. Lab Party's local gvt officer in policy directorate, at party headquarters, 1982-92; local gvt officer, 1976-81; with Mercury House Publications, 1974-78. Hammersmith and Fulham cllr, 1986-92. Ed George Heriot's School, Edinburgh; Glasgow Univ (pres of union, 1972-73).

PENRITH & THE BORDER
C hold

Electorate 66,496 (64,311)		%Votes
+Maclean, D (C)	23,300	47.59
Walker, G (LD)	13,067	26.69
Meling, M (Lab)	10,576	21.60
Pope, C (Ref)	2,018	4.12
C Majority	**10,233**	**20.90**

Total Vote 48,961 Turnout 73.63%
Swing C to LD 4.39

1992: Total Vote 51,155 (79.54%) - C 30,030 (58.70%); LD 14,848 (29.03%); Lab 5,644 (11.03%); Grn 522 (1.02%); NLP 111 (0.22%); C Maj 15,182 (29.68%).

David Maclean, b May 16, 1953. Won the seat in 1983 by-election caused by elevation to peerage of William Whitelaw; contested Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, 1983. Appointed, Home Office min, 1993, with responsibility for police and crime prevention; Environment min, 1992-93; MAFF party sec, 1989-92; Gvt whip, 1988-89; asst Gvt whip, 1987-88. Member, select cttee on agriculture, 1983-86. Ed Fortrose Acad; Aberdeen Univ.

PETERBOROUGH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,926 (71,804)		%Votes
Brinton, H (Lab)	24,365	50.31
Foster, J R (C)	17,042	35.19
Howarth, D (LD)	5,170	10.68
Slater, P (Ref)	924	1.91
Brettell, C (NLP)	334	0.69
Linskey, J S (UK Ind)	317	0.65
Goldspink, S (ProLife)	275	0.57
Lab Majority	**7,323**	**15.12**

Total Vote 48,427 Turnout 73.46%
Swing C to Lab 13.41

1992: Total Vote 53,468 (74.46%) - C 26,455 (49.48%); Lab 20,201 (37.78%); LD 4,973 (9.30%); Lib 1,216 (2.27%); BNP 243 (0.45%); PP 212 (0.40%); NLP 168 (0.31%); C Maj 6,254 (11.70%).

Ms Helen Brinton, b Dec 23, 1954. Teacher; examiner/moderator. Contested Faversham 1992. Member, Labour economic strategy group; SHA; World *Disarmament Campaign; Rural* Revival. Political campaigns co-ordinator, Kent and Faversham CLP 1986-94. Ed Bristol Univ.

PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT
Lab hold

Electorate 74,483 (75,564)		%Votes
+Jamieson, D (Lab)	31,629	60.87
Johnson, A (C)	12,562	24.17
Copus, R (LD)	5,570	10.72
Norsworthy, C (Ref)	1,486	2.86
Farrand, C A (UK Ind)	478	0.92
Ebbs, S (Nat Dem)	238	0.46
Lab Majority	**19,067**	**36.69**

Total Vote 51,963 Turnout 69.76%
Swing C to Lab 12.64

1992: Total Vote 59,263 (78.43%) - Lab 27,877 (47.04%); C 21,111 (35.62%); LD 7,830 (13.21%); Soc Dem 2,186 (3.69%); NLP 259 (0.44%); Lab Maj 6,766 (11.42%).

David Jamieson, b May 18, 1947. Won this seat in 1992; contested Plymouth Drake 1987; Birmingham Hall Green, Feb 1974. Member, select cttees on education and employment, 1996-; education, 1992-96. Sec, PLP defence cttee, 1995-; joint vice-chair, PLP ed cttee, 1995-. Party consultant to Natural Gas Vehicles Assoc. Solihull borough cllr, 1970-74. Ed Tudor Grange GS, Solihull; St Peter's Coll, Birmingham; OU.

PLYMOUTH SUTTON
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 70,666 (66,738)		%Votes
Gilroy, L (Lab Co-op)	23,881	50.12
Crisp, A (C)	14,441	30.31
Melia, S (LD)	6,613	13.88
Hanbury, T (Ref)	1,654	3.47
Bullock, R P (UK Ind)	499	1.05
Kelway, K (Plymouth)	396	0.83
Lyons, F (NLP)	168	0.35
Lab Co-op Majority	**9,440**	**19.81**

Total Vote 47,652 Turnout 67.43%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 52,787 (78.10%) - C 22,049 (41.77%); Lab 20,989 (39.76%); LD 8,673 (16.43%); NLP 1,076 (2.04%); C Maj 1,060 (2.01%).

Mrs Linda Gilroy, b July 19, 1949. Head of South West Office, Gas Consumers' Council since 1979. Contested Coventry NE 1992. Chair, Cornwall Lab Party, 1990-94; sec, Plymouth Drake CLP 1987-88. Dep director, Age Concern Scotland, 1972-79. Member, Inst of Trading Standards Administration. Ed Edinburgh Univ; Strathclyde Univ.

PONTEFRACT & CASTLEFORD
Lab hold

Electorate 62,350 (65,696)		%Votes
Cooper, Y (Lab)	31,339	75.71
Flook, A (C)	5,614	13.56
Paxton, W (LD)	3,042	7.35
Wood, R (Ref)	1,401	3.38
Lab Majority	**25,725**	**62.14**

Total Vote 41,396 Turnout 66.39%
Swing C to Lab 6.80

1992: Total Vote 48,007 (73.07%) - Lab 33,546 (69.88%); C 10,051 (20.94%); LD 4,410 (9.19%); Lab Maj 23,495 (48.94%).

Ms Yvette Cooper, b March 20, 1969. Economics correspondent for The Independent; has worked as aide to Gordon Brown and the late John Smith. Worked on Bill Clinton presidential campaign, 1992. Member, NUJ; GMB. Ed Eggars Comp, Alton; Alton Sixth-Form Coll; Balliol Coll, Oxford; Harvard (Kennedy Scholar); LSE.

POOLE
C hold

Electorate 66,078 (64,285)		%Votes
Syms, R A R (C)	19,726	42.14
Tetlow, A (LD)	14,428	30.82
White, H (Lab)	10,100	21.58
Riddington, J (Ref)	1,932	4.13
Tyler, P C (UK Ind)	487	1.04
Rosta, J (NLP)	137	0.29
C Majority	**5,298**	**11.32**

Total Vote 46,810 Turnout 70.84%
Swing C to LD 7.22

1992: Total Vote 50,385 (78.38%) - C 27,768 (55.11%); LD 14,787 (29.35%); Lab 5,880 (11.67%); Ind C 1,643 (3.26%); NLP 307 (0.61%); C Maj 12,981 (25.76%).

Robert Syms, b Aug 15, 1956. Managing director of building and plant hire group. Contested Walsall North 1992. Wiltshire county cllr, 1985-; North Wiltshire district cllr, 1983-87 (group leader, 1984-87). Member, Wessex RHA, 1988-90. Founder director, N Wilts enterprise agency, 1986-90. Officer of N Wilts C Assoc, 1982-88; member, Wessex area provincial ccouncil, 1983-90. Member, Bow Group; Atlantic Council; Freedom Assoc. Ed Colston's, Bristol.

POPLAR & CANNING TOWN
Lab hold

Electorate 67,172 (62,190)		%Votes
Fitzpatrick, J (Lab)	24,807	63.17
Steinberg, B (C)	5,892	15.00
Ludlow, J (LD)	4,072	10.37
Tyndall, J (BNP)	2,849	7.26
Hare, I (Ref)	1,091	2.78
Joseph, J (Soc Lab)	557	1.42
Lab Majority	**18,915**	**48.17**

Total Vote 39,268 Turnout 58.46%
Swing C to Lab 11.33

1992: Total Vote 40,855 (65.69%) - Lab 20,935 (51.24%); C 10,517 (25.74%); LD 7,986 (19.55%); Other 1,417 (3.47%); Lab Maj 10,418 (25.50%).

Jim Fitzpatrick, b April 4, 1952. Firefighter. Chair, Greater London Lab Party, 1991-. Member, Amnesty International; Greenpeace. London rep, FBU. Ed Holyrood Senior School, Glasgow.

PORTSMOUTH NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,539 (65,614)		%Votes
Rapson, S (Lab)	21,339	47.14
+Griffiths, P (C)	17,016	37.59
Sollitt, S (LD)	4,788	10.58
Evelegh, S (Ref)	1,757	3.88
Coe, P J (UK Ind)	298	0.66
Bex, C (Wessex Reg)	72	0.16
Lab Majority	**4,323**	**9.55**

Total Vote 45,270 Turnout 70.14%
Swing C to Lab 13.53

1992: Total Vote 50,018 (76.23%) - C 25,368 (50.72%); Lab 16,610 (33.21%); LD 7,529 (15.05%); Grn 511 (1.02%); C Maj 8,758 (17.51%).

Syd Rapson, b April 17, 1942. Aircraft fitter. Contested Portsmouth South in 1992. Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, 1990-91; member, Portsmouth City Cl, 1971-78 and since 1979 (Lab group leader); Hampshire county cllr, 1973-77. Shop steward and union convenor since 1979. Ed Southsea Modern; Paulsgrove Modern.

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PORTSMOUTH SOUTH
LD gain from C

Electorate 80,514 (77,258)		%Votes
Hancock, M (LD)	20,421	39.50
*Martin, D (C)	16,094	31.13
Burnett, A (Lab)	13,086	25.31
Trim, C (Ref)	1,629	3.15
Thompson, J (Lib)	184	0.36
Evans, J I (UK Ind)	141	0.27
Treend, W (NLP)	140	0.27
LD Majority	**4,327**	**8.37**

Total Vote 51,695 Turnout 64.21%
Swing C to LD 4.41

1992: Total Vote 53,651 (69.44%) - C 22,798 (42.49%); LD 22,556 (42.04%); Lab 7,857 (14.64%); Grn 349 (0.65%); NLP 91 (0.17%); C Maj 242 (0.45%).

Mike Hancock, b April 9, 1946. Was SDP/All MP for this seat from 1984 by-election to 1987; contested seat for SDP in 1983, SDP/All 1987 and LD 1992; contested Wight and Hampshire S in 1994 Euro elections. District officer for Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Channel Islands, Royal Soc for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, 1989-. Ed Hampshire, Oxford and London. Member, Portsmouth City Cl, 1970- (LD group ldr, 1989-); Hampshire CC, 1973- (cl ldr, 1993-; ldr of opposition, 1977-81, 1989-93; ldr, Lab cllrs, 1977-81 when he joined SDP and then LD group ldr, 1989-). Vice-chair, Portsmouth Operasting Co, 1992-; Portsmouth Docks, 1992-; chair, Southern branch, NSPCC, 1989-. Member, board of directors, drug rehabilitation unit, Alpha drug clinic, Droxford, 1971-. Director, Daytime Club, BBC, 1987-90. Lord Mayor of Portsmouth 1996.

PRESTON
Lab hold

Electorate 72,933 (72,856)		%Votes
+Wise, A (Lab)	29,220	60.78
Gray, P (C)	*10,540*	*21.92*
Chadwick, B (LD)	7,045	14.65
Porter, J (Ref)	924	1.92
Ashforth, J (NLP)	345	0.72
Lab Majority	**18,680**	**38.86**

Total Vote 48,074 Turnout 65.92%
Swing C to Lab 9.05

1992: Total Vote 55,238 (75.82%) - Lab 29,342 (53.12%); C 17,876 (32.36%); LD 7,644 (13.84%); NLP 376 (0.68%); Lab Maj 11,466 (20.76%).

Mrs Audrey Wise, b Jan 1935. Elected for this seat 1987; MP for Coventry SW, Feb 1974-79; contested Woolwich 1983. Member, Lab Pty NEC, 1982-87. Appointed President of Usdaw in 1991 (sponsored by union in 1992). Member, select cttees on health, 1991-; social services, 1987-90; unopposed Bills panel, 1992-. Chair, PLP health and personal social services cttee, 1989-, and PLP health and social security cttee, 1987-89; vice-chair, PLP social security cttee, 1989-90. Former shorthand typist. Member, select cttee on violence in the family, 1976-78. Ed Rutherford HS.

PUDSEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,922 (72,078)		%Votes
Truswell, P (Lab)	25,370	48.11
Bone, P W (C)	19,163	36.34
Brown, J (LD)	7,375	13.99
Crabtree, D (Ref)	823	1.56
Lab Majority	**6,207**	**11.77**

Total Vote 52,731 Turnout 74.35%
Swing C to Lab 13.18

1992: Total Vote 57,381 (79.61%) - C 25,067 (43.69%); Lab 16,695 (29.09%); LD 15,153 (26.41%); Grn 466 (0.81%); C Maj 8,372 (14.59%).

Paul Truswell, b Nov 17, 1955. Local gvt officer, Wakefield MDC. Leeds City cllr, 1982-; member of Leeds HA, 1982-90, Comm Health Cl, 1990-92, Family Health Services Authority, 1992-96. Former chair, Leeds City Council freedom of information cttee, and Leeds Green Strategy group. Yorkshire regional press officer, 1992 gen election. Member, Unison; NUJ; Co-operative party; SHA; Liberty; SERA. Ed Univ of Leeds.

PUTNEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,176 (61,878)		%Votes
Colman, A (Lab)	20,084	45.65
*Mellor, D (C)	17,108	38.89
Pyne, R D (LD)	4,739	10.77
Goldsmith, Sir J (Ref)	1,518	3.45
Jamieson, W B (UK Ind)	233	0.53
Beige, L (Stan)	101	0.23
Yardley, M (Spts All)	90	0.20
Small, J (NLP)	66	0.15
Poole, A (Beaut)	49	0.11
Vanbraam, D (Ren Dem)	7	0.02
Lab Majority	**2,976**	**6.76**

Total Vote 43,995 Turnout 73.11%
Swing C to Lab 11.18

1992: Total Vote 48,243 (77.96%) - C 25,188 (52.21%); Lab 17,662 (36.61%); LD 4,636 (9.61%); Grn 618 (1.28%); NLP 139 (0.29%); C Maj 7,526 (15.60%).

Anthony Colman, b July 24, 1943. Former director of Burton Group plc. Leader, Merton Borough Council. Ed Paston GS, North Walsham; Magdalene Coll, Cambridge.

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RAYLEIGH
C hold

Electorate 68,737 (67,206)		%Votes
+Clark, M (C)	25,516	49.73
Ellis, R (Lab)	14,832	28.90
Cumberland, S (LD)	10,137	19.75
Farmer, A (Lib)	829	1.62
C Majority	**10,684**	**20.82**

Total Vote 51,314 Turnout 74.65%
Swing C to Lab 12.72

1992: Total Vote 54,117 (80.52%) - C 33,065 (61.10%); LD 11,868 (21.93%); Lab 8,032 (14.84%); Other 1,152 (2.13%); C Maj 21,197 (39.17%).

Dr Michael Clark, b Aug 8, 1935. Industrial chemist/management consultant. MP for Rochford, 1983-97. Chair, energy select cttee, 1989-92; trade and industry cttee, 1992-94. Contested Ilkeston 1979. Director, MAT Group Ltd, international transport co. Party adviser to Royal Society of Chemistry; British Chemical Engineering Contractors Association; British Gas plc. Trustee, the Butten Trust. Ed King Edward VI GS; King's Coll, London; Univ of Minnesota; St John's Coll, Cambridge.

READING EAST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,586 (69,817)		%Votes
Griffiths, J (Lab)	21,461	42.73
+Watts, J A (C)	17,666	35.18
Samuel, S (LD)	9,307	18.53
Harmer, D (Ref)	1,042	2.07
Buckley, J (NLP)	254	0.51
Thornton, A L (UK Ind)	252	0.50
Packer, B (BNP)	238	0.47
Lab Majority	**3,795**	**7.56**

Total Vote 50,220 Turnout 70.15%
Swing C to Lab 13.89

1992: Total Vote 52,312 (74.93%) - C 25,699 (49.13%); Lab 15,115 (28.89%); LD 10,684 (20.42%); Grn 814 (1.56%); C Maj 10,584 (20.23%).

Ms Jane Griffiths, b April 17, 1954. BBC Editor. Member, Transport 2000; NUJ. Cllr, Reading 1989- (chair of Arts and Leisure Cttee). Ed Cedars GS, Leighton Buzzard; Durham Univ.

READING WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,073 (68,848)		%Votes
Salter, M (Lab)	21,841	45.14
Bennett, N J (C)	18,844	38.94
Tomlin, D (LD)	6,153	12.72
Brown, S (Ref)	976	2.02
Dell, I (BNP)	320	0.66
Black, D M (UK Ind)	255	0.53
Lab Majority	**2,997**	**6.19**

Total Vote 48,389 Turnout 70.05%
Swing C to Lab 14.96

1992: Total Vote 53,243 (77.33%) - C 27,888 (52.38%); Lab 15,256 (28.65%); LD 9,461 (17.77%); Grn 638 (1.20%); C Maj 12,632 (23.73%).

Martin Salter, b April 19, 1954. Regional manager, Co-op Services; member Co-op Party; Greenpeace. Ed local GS; Sussex Univ.

REDCAR
Lab hold

Electorate 68,965 (73,753)		%Votes
+Mowlam, M (Lab)	32,972	67.35
Isaacs, A (C)	11,308	23.10
Benbow, J (LD)	4,679	9.56
Lab Majority	**21,664**	**44.25**

Total Vote 48,959 Turnout 70.99%
Swing C to Lab 12.34

1992: Total Vote 58,301 (79.05%) - Lab 31,237 (53.58%); C 19,823 (34.00%); LD 7,241 (12.42%); Lab Maj 11,414 (19.58%).

Dr Marjorie Mowlam, b Sept 18, 1949. Appointed shadow N Ireland sec in 1994. Elected to shadow Cabinet in 1992; shadow national heritage secretary, 1993-94; spokeswoman on Citizen's Charter and women, 1992-93; on City affairs, 1989-92; N Ireland spokeswoman, 1988-89. Elected in 1987. Elected to Labour NEC in 1995. Administrative officer at Northern College, Barnsley, 1984-87. Lecturer, Florida State Univ, 1977-78; Newcastle Univ, 1979-83. Ed Coundon Court Comp, Coventry; Durham Univ; Iowa Univ.

REDDITCH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,841 (60,193)		%Votes
Smith, J J (Lab)	22,280	49.79
McIntyre, A (C)	16,155	36.10
Hall, M (LD)	4,935	11.03
Cox, R (Ref)	1,151	2.57
Davis, P (NLP)	227	0.51
Lab Majority	**6,125**	**13.69**

Total Vote 44,748 Turnout 73.55%
Swing C to Lab 10.22

1992: Total Vote 48,673 (80.86%) - C 22,930 (47.11%); Lab 19,643 (40.36%); LD 5,716 (11.74%); Other 384 (0.79%); C Maj 3,287 (6.75%).

Ms Jacqui Smith, b Nov 3, 1962. Head of economics and business studies at local comprehensive school. Contested Mid-Worcestershire in 1992. Redditch cllr since 1991 (chair, development cttee, 1991-). Board member, Redditch business link; chair Redditch education forum. Ed Dyson Perrins HS, Malvern; Hertford Coll, Oxford; Worcester Coll of HE.

REGENTS PARK & KENSINGTON NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 73,752 (69,959)		%Votes
Buck, K (Lab)	28,367	59.92
McGuinness, P (C)	13,710	28.96
Gasson, E (LD)	4,041	8.54
Dangoor, S (Ref)	867	1.83
Hinde, J (NLP)	192	0.41
Sadowitz, D (Dream)	167	0.35
Lab Majority	**14,657**	**30.96**

Total Vote 47,344 Turnout 64.19%
Swing C to Lab 11.84

1992: Total Vote 52,368 (74.86%) - Lab 25,317 (48.34%); C 21,503 (41.06%); LD 4,163 (7.95%); Other 1,385 (2.64%); Lab Maj 3,814 (7.28%).

Ms Karen Buck, b Aug 30, 1958. Labour Party Campaign Implementation (Co-ordinator) and acting Labour director of Communications 1995. Westminster City cllr 1990-. Chair, Westminster Objectors Trust. Board member, inner city regeneration project and EC urban funding project. Chair, Westminster North CLP 1988-90.

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REIGATE
C hold

Electorate 64,750 (64,307)		%Votes
Blunt, C (C)	21,123	43.85
Howard, A (Lab)	13,382	27.78
Samuel, P (LD)	9,615	19.96
+Gardiner, Sir G (Ref)	3,352	6.96
Higgs, R (Ind)	412	0.86
Smith, S P (UK Ind)	290	0.60
C Majority	**7,741**	**16.07**

Total Vote 48,174 Turnout 74.40%
Swing C to Lab 11.98
1992: Total Vote 50,667 (78.79%) - C 29,148 (57.53%): LD 12,208 (24.09%): Lab 8,870 (17.51%): Soc Dem 441 (0.87%): C Maj 16,940 (33.43%).

Crispin Blunt, b July 15, 1960. Political consultant: PI Political Consultants 1993: district agent, Forum for Private Business: former army officer. Contested West Bromwich West 1992. Former adviser to foreign secretary, special adviser to defence secretary, 1993-. Ed Wellington Coll: RMA Sandhurst: Durham Univ: Cranfield School of Management.

RIBBLE SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 71,670 (71,002)		%Votes
Borrow, D (Lab)	25,856	46.81
+Atkins, R J (C)	20,772	37.61
Farron, T (LD)	5,879	10.64
Adams, G (Ref)	1,475	2.67
Ashton, N (Lib)	1,127	2.04
Leadbetter, B (NLP)	122	0.22
Lab Majority	**5,084**	**9.20**

Total Vote 55,231 Turnout 77.06%
Swing C to Lab 12.11
1992: Total Vote 58,913 (82.97%) - C 29,366 (49.85%): Lab 20,526 (34.84%): LD 8,695 (14.76%): Other 326 (0.55%): C Maj 8,840 (15.01%).

David Borrow, b Aug 2, 1952. Tribunal clerk. Member Co-op Party, Fabian Soc, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform. Ed Mirfield GS: Manchester Poly.

RIBBLE VALLEY
C hold

Electorate 72,664 (71,262)		%Votes
+Evans, N (C)	26,702	46.66
Carr, M (LD)	20,062	35.06
Johnstone, M (Lab)	9,013	15.75
Parkinson, J (Ref)	1,297	2.27
Holmes, N (NLP)	147	0.26
C Majority	**6,640**	**11.60**

Total Vote 57,221 Turnout 78.75%
Swing C to LD 1.37
1992: Total Vote 60,165 (84.43%) - C 31,629 (52.57%): LD 23,000 (38.23%): Lab 5,254 (8.73%): Loony G 163 (0.27%): NLP 119 (0.20%): C Maj 8,629 (14.34%)

Nigel Evans, b Nov 10, 1957. Owner of retail convenience store in Swansea. Regained the seat for C in 1992: contested it in 1991 by-election: Pontypridd by-election in 1989 and Swansea West in 1987. PPS to Welsh sec 1996-: to MAFF min of state, 1995-96: employment sec, 1993-94: Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, 1994-95. Member, select cttees on environment, 1996-97: public service, 1995-97. Director, Networking for Industry: Small Business Bureau (both unpaid). Sec, NW group C MPs, 1992-. Joint vice-chair, all-party European Secure Vehicle Alliance group: Friends of Music group: treas, manufacturing industry group: joint sec, tourism cttee: former treas, party food and health forum. West Glamorgan county cllr, 1985-91. Ed Dynevor School: Univ Coll, Swansea.

RICHMOND (YORKS)
C hold

Electorate 65,058 (64,287)		%Votes
+Hague, W (C)	23,326	48.86
Merritt, S (Lab)	13,275	27.81
Harvey, J (LD)	8,773	18.38
Bentley, A (Ref)	2,367	4.96
C Majority	**10,051**	**21.05**

Total Vote 47,741 Turnout 73.38%
Swing C to Lab 13.91
1992: Total Vote 50,201 (78.09%) - C 30,333 (60.42%): LD 13,626 (27.14%): Lab 5,797 (11.55%): Ind 445 (0.89%): C Maj 16,707 (33.28%).

William Hague, b March 26, 1961. Appointed Welsh sec 1995: Min for social security and disabled people, 1994-95: under sec for social security, 1993-94: PPS to Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1990-93. Management consultant, McKinsey and Co Ltd, 1983-88. Political adviser, Treasury, 1983. Elected at 1989 by-election: contested Wentworth 1987. Sec, C backbench ag, fish and food cttee, 1989-90: Yorkshire group of C MPs, 1989-93. Ed Wath-upon-Dearne Comp, near Rotherham: Magdalen Coll, Oxford (Pres of Union and of Univ C Assoc, 1981): Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires.

RICHMOND PARK
LD gain from C

Electorate 71,572 (69,091)		%Votes
Tonge, J (LD)	25,393	44.66
+Hanley, J J (C)	22,442	39.47
Jenkins, S (Lab)	7,172	12.61
Pugh, J (Ref)	1,467	2.58
Beaupre, D (Loony)	204	0.36
D'Arcy, B (NLP)	102	0.18
Davies, P (Dream)	73	0.13
LD Majority	**2,951**	**5.19**

Total Vote 56,853 Turnout 79.43%
Swing C to LD 9.69
1992: Total Vote 59,053 (85.47%) - C 30,609 (51.83%); LD 22,225 (37.64%): Lab 5,211 (8.82%): Other 1,008 (1.71%): C Maj 8,384 (14.20%).

Jenny Tonge, b Feb 19, 1941. Medical practitioner and NHS manager. Contested Richmond and Barnes in 1992. Richmond cllr 1981-90 (chair social services, 1983-87, and personnel, 1987-89). Governor, Waldegrave School. Friend of Kew Gardens and of Richmond Park. Member, Friends of the Earth: Amnesty International: RSPB. Ed Dudley Girls' HS, W Midlands: Univ Coll and Hosp, London.

ROCHDALE
Lab gain from LD

Electorate 68,529 (69,019)		%Votes
Fitzsimons, L (Lab)	23,758	49.41
+Lynne, L (LD)	19,213	39.96
Turnberg, M (C)	4,237	8.81
Bergin, G (BNP)	653	1.36
Mohammed, S (IZB)	221	0.46
Lab Majority	**4,545**	**9.45**

Total Vote 48,082 Turnout 70.16%
Swing LD to Lab 4.85
1992: Total Vote 53,287 (77.21%) - LD 20,204 (37.92%): Lab 20,076 (37.68%): C 12,378 (23.23%): BNP 470 (0.88%): NLP 159 (0.30%): LD Maj 128 (0.24%).

Ms Lorna Fitzsimons, b Aug 6, 1967. Parliamentary consultant to PR firm. Member of Inst of Public Relations and Young Communicator of the Year 1995-96. Pres, NUS, 1992-94. Governor, Sheffield Hallam Univ. Member, Further education funding council quality cttee. Lab co-ordinating cttee's commission on party democracy. Member, Labour Industry forum: Fabian Society: Co-op Party. Ed Wardle HS, Wardle: Loughborough Coll of Art and Design.

ROCHFORD & SOUTHEND EAST
C hold

Electorate 72,848 (67,171)		%Votes
+Taylor, Sir T (C)	22,683	48.68
Smith, N (Lab)	18,458	39.61
Smith, P (LD)	4,387	9.41
Lynch, B (Lib)	1,070	2.30
C Majority	**4,225**	**9.07**

Total Vote 46,598 Turnout 63.97%
Swing C to Lab 11.23
1992: Total Vote 50,987 (75.91%) - C 30,096 (59.03%): Lab 14,019 (27.50%): LD 6,011 (11.79%): Other 861 (1.69%): C Maj 16,077 (31.53%).

Sir Teddy Taylor, b April 18, 1937. MP for Southend East, 1980-97, and for Glasgow Cathcart, 1964-79: contested Glasgow Springburn, 1959. Under Sec for Scotland, 1974, and in 1970-71 when he resigned over gvt policy on Europe. C whip withdrawn 1994-95. Joint Sec, C backbench home affairs cttee. Sec, C Euro reform group, 1980-. Party adviser to Port of London Police Fed: adviser to Lawrence Building Co, Glasgow: party consultant to Law Holdings, opencast coal mining co. Non-exec director, Shepherd Foods Ltd, 1968- and Ansvar Insurance Co. Ed Glasgow HS: Glasgow Univ.

ROMFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 59,611 (60,903)		%Votes
Gordon, E (Lab)	18,187	43.18
+Neubert, Sir M (C)	17,538	41.64
Meyer, N (LD)	3,341	7.93
Ward, S (Ref)	1,431	3.40
Hurlstone, T (Lib)	1,100	2.61
Carey, M (BNP)	522	1.24
Lab Majority	**649**	**1.54**

Total Vote 42,119 Turnout 70.66%
Swing C to Lab 15.65
1992: Total Vote 47,271 (77.62%) - C 27,462 (58.09%): Lab 13,398 (28.34%): LD 5,865 (12.41%): Grn 546 (1.16%): C Maj 14,064 (29.75%).

Mrs Eileen Gordon, b Oct 22, 1946. Constituency caseworker for Tony Banks, MP. Contested Romford 1992. Member, League Against Cruel Sports. Ed Harold Hill GS: Shoreditch Comprehensive: Westminster Coll of Education.

ROMSEY
C hold

Electorate 67,306 (65,546)		%Votes
+Colvin, M K B (C)	23,834	45.99
Cooper, M (LD)	15,249	29.43
Ford, J (Lab)	9,623	18.57
Sked, A (UK Ind)	1,824	3.52
Wigley, M (Ref)	1,291	2.49
C Majority	**8,585**	**16.57**

Total Vote 51,821 Turnout 76.99%
Swing C to LD 11.79
1992: Total Vote 54,116 (82.56%) - C 34,218 (63.23%): LD 12,496 (23.09%): Lab 6,982 (12.90%): Other 420 (0.78%): C Maj 21,722 (40.14%).

Michael Colvin, b Sept 27, 1932. MP for Romsey and Waterside, 1983-97: for Bristol NW, 1979-83. Landowner, farmer and member of Lloyd's. Chair of defence select cttee 1995-97. Chair, C foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee, 1992-: aviation cttee, 1982-83, 1987-92. Joint vice-chair exec cttee, UK branch, CPA. Pres, Palace of Westminster shooting club: capt, HoC team. Chair Council for Country Sports, 1985-: vice-chair, British Field Sports Soc, 1987-. Qualified pilot and parachutist. Party and public affairs consultant to Fed of Retail Licensed Trade (N Ireland): Caledonia Investments plc: Meridian Broadcasting Ltd. Ed Eton: Sandhurst: Royal Ag Coll, Cirencester.

ROSSENDALE & DARWEN
Lab hold

Electorate 69,749 (70,176)		%Votes
+Anderson, J (Lab)	27,470	53.64
Buzzard, P M (C)	16,521	32.26
Dunning, B (LD)	5,435	10.61
Newstead, R (Ref)	1,108	2.16
Wearden, A (BNP)	674	1.32
Lab Majority	**10,949**	**21.38**

Total Vote 51,208 Turnout 73.42%
Swing C to Lab 10.65
1992: Total Vote 57,489 (81.92%) - Lab 25,044 (43.56%): C 24,995 (43.48%): LD 6,798 (11.82%): Grn 539 (0.94%): NLP 113 (0.20%): Lab Maj 49 (0.09%).

Mrs Janet Anderson, b Dec 6, 1949. Gained this seat for Lab in 1992: contested it 1987. Appointed Labour spokesman on women's issues in 1996: Labour whip, 1995-96. PPS to Margaret Beckett, then Lab deputy leader, 1992-93. Campaign organiser for PLP, 1988-89. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1992-95: HoC Commission, 1993-94: Royal Coll of Nursing party panel. Sec, Tribune group of Lab MPs, 1993-. Public affairs consultant, Safeway Stores plc (fees to CLP). Joint vice-chair, all-party exports group: treas, opera group. PA to Barbara Castle, 1974-81, and to Jack Straw, MP, 1981-87. Ed Kingsfield Comp, Bristol: Central London Poly: Nantes Univ.

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ROTHER VALLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 68,622 (68,563)		%Votes
*Barron, K (Lab)	31,184	67.56
Stanbury, S (C)	7,699	16.68
Burgess, S (LD)	5,342	11.57
Cook, S (Ref)	1,932	4.19
Lab Majority	**23,485**	**50.88**

Total Vote 46,157 Turnout 67.26%
Swing C to Lab 8.63
1992: Total Vote 51,215 (74.70%) - Lab 30,977 (60.48%): C 13,755 (26.86%): LD 6,483 (12.66%): Lab Maj 17,222 (33.63%).

Kevin Barron, b Oct 26, 1946. Appointed a Labour spokesman on health in 1995: a spokesman on employment, 1993-95: on energy, particularly coal, 1988-92. PPS to Neil Kinnock, Opposition Leader, 1985-88. Chair, Yorkshire group of Lab MPs, 1987-. Coal miner, 1962-83. Elected in 1983. Member, select cttees on energy, 1983-85: environment, 1992-93. Pres, Rotherham and District TUC, 1982-83. Former NUM delegate for Maltby colliery. Ed Maltby Hall Sec Mod: Ruskin Coll, Oxford.

ROTHERHAM
Lab hold

Electorate 59,895 (62,323)		%Votes
*MacShane, D (Lab)	26,852	71.32
Gordon, S (C)	5,383	14.30
Wildgoose, D (LD)	3,919	10.41
Hollibone, R (Ref)	1,132	3.01
Neal, A (ProLife)	364	0.97
Lab Majority	**21,469**	**57.02**

Total Vote 37,650 Turnout 62.86%
Swing C to Lab 8.41
1992: Total Vote 43,680 (70.09%) - Lab 27,933 (63.95%): C 10,372 (23.75%): LD 5,375 (12.31%): Lab Maj 17,561 (40.20%).

Denis MacShane, b May 21, 1948. Journalist: BBC reporter, 1969-77: pres, NUJ, 1978-79. Elected in 1994 by-election. Joint vice-chair, all-party Future of Europe group. Director, European Policy Inst, 1992-94. Associate director, European Policy Inst: editorial board member, Critical Quarterly (both unpaid). Policy director, International Metalworkers Fed, 1980-92. Member, Commons deregulation select cttee, 1996-97. Ed Merton Coll, Oxford: Birkbeck Coll, London.

RUGBY & KENILWORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,384 (76,639)		%Votes
King, A (Lab)	26,356	43.06
+Pawsey, J (C)	25,861	42.25
Roodhouse, J M (LD)	8,737	14.27
Twite, M (NLP)	251	0.41
Lab Majority	**495**	**0.81**

Total Vote 61,205 Turnout 77.10%
Swing C to Lab 10.61
1992: Total Vote 65,285 (83.02%) - C 34,218 (52.41%): Lab 20,894 (32.00%): LD 9,971 (15.27%): NLP 202 (0.31%): C Maj 13,324 (20.41%).

Andy King, b Sept 14, 1948. Social services manager. Ed Coatbridge Tech Coll: Missionary Institute, London: Hatfield Poly.

RUISLIP NORTHWOOD
C hold

Electorate 60,393 (61,393)		%Votes
+Wilkinson, J (C)	22,526	50.24
Barker, P (Lab)	14,732	32.86
Edwards, C (LD)	7,279	16.24
Griffin, C (NLP)	296	0.66
C Majority	**7,794**	**17.38**

Total Vote 44,833 Turnout 74.24%
Swing C to Lab 12.81
1992: Total Vote 47,926 (78.06%) - C 30,130 (62.87%): Lab 9,521 (19.87%): LD 7,981 (16.65%): NLP 294 (0.61%): C Maj 20,609 (43.00%).

John Wilkinson, b Sept 23, 1940. Marketing consultant: lecturer and author. Elected 1979. MP for Bradford W, 1970-1974: contested that seat 1974. Member, Select Cttee on Defence, 1987-90: chair, C backbench defence cttee, 1993-94: chair, C aviation cttee, 1983-85 and 1992-93: C space sub-cttee, 1986-90 (vice-chair, 1983-85). PPS to Min of State for Industry, 1979-80: to Sec of State for Defence, 1981-82. Chair, Euro Freedom Council, 1982-90: Anglo-Asian Cons Soc, 1979-82: Horn of Africa Council, 1984-86. Delegate to Council of Europe (chair, space sub-cttee, 1984-88) and WEU (chair, cttee on scientific, technology and aerospace, 1986-89), 1979-90. Vice-chair, all-party Royal Air Force party group: chair, Asean-British, Chilean and Philippines party groups. Ed Eton: RAF Coll, Cranwell: Churchill Coll, Cambridge. Former flying instructor/inspector. Qualified French interpreter in RAF, fluent in German and Spanish.

RUNNEYMEDE & WEYBRIDGE
C hold

Electorate 72,177 (71,478)		%Votes
Hammond, P (C)	25,051	48.59
Peacock, I (Lab)	15,176	29.43
Taylor, G (LD)	8,397	16.29
Rolt, P (Ref)	2,150	4.17
Slater, S J (UK Ind)	625	1.21
Sleeman, J (NLP)	162	0.31
C Majority	**9,875**	**19.15**

Total Vote 51,561 Turnout 71.44%
Swing C to Lab 13.14
1992: Total Vote 56,432 (78.95%) - C 34,645 (61.39%): LD 11,905 (21.10%): Lab 9,004 (15.96%): Other 878 (1.56%): C Maj 22,740 (40.30%).

Philip Hammond, b Dec 4, 1955. Contested the Newham NE by-election in 1994. Co-founder and man dir of business development consultancy with clients in oil, gas, engineering and brewing industries. Man dir small house building and development co, 1984-: consultant economist to World Bank, Washington DC, 1986-. Former chair, East Lewisham Cons Assoc. Ed Shenfield School, Brentwood: Univ Coll, Oxford.

RUSHCLIFFE
C hold

Electorate 78,735 (76,067)		%Votes
*Clarke, K (C)	27,558	44.37
Pettit, J (Lab)	22,503	36.23
Boote, S (LD)	8,851	14.25
Chadd, S (Ref)	2,682	4.32
Moore, J (UK Ind)	403	0.65
Maszwska, A (NLP)	115	0.19
C Majority	**5,055**	**8.14**

Total Vote 62,112 Turnout 78.89%
Swing C to Lab 11.54
1992: Total Vote 63,326 (83.25%) - C 34,448 (54.40%): Lab 14,682 (23.18%): LD 12,660 (19.99%): Grn 775 (1.22%): Ind C 611 (0.96%): NLP 150 (0.24%): C Maj 19,766 (31.21%).

Kenneth Clarke, b July 2, 1940, QC. Chancellor of the Exchequer 1993-97. Elected in 1970: contested Mansfield 1966 and 1964. Home Secretary, 1992-93: Sec of State for Education and Science, 1990-92: Sec of State for Health, 1988-90: Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and chief spokesman in Commons for DTI as Min for Trade and Industry, 1987-88; joined Cabinet 1985 as Paymaster General and Min for Employment, being dept's chief Commons spokesman, 1985-87: Min for Health, with rank of Min of State, DHSS, 1982-85: Parly Sec (1979-81) and Under Sec of State (1981-82) for Transport. PC 1984. An Opposition spokesman on industry, 1976-79, and social services, 1974-76: Ld Commissioner of Treasury (Govt whip), 1974: asst Govt whip, 1972-74. Barrister: Hon Bencher, Gray's Inn, 1989. Ed Nottingham HS: Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge (Pres of Union, 1963). Pres YCs, 1986-87.

RUTLAND & MELTON
C hold

Electorate 70,150 (67,694)		%Votes
+Duncan, A (C)	24,107	45.80
Meads, J (Lab)	15,271	29.02
Lee, K (LD)	10,112	19.21
King, R (Ref)	2,317	4.40
Abbott, J S (UK Ind)	823	1.56
C Majority	**8,836**	**16.79**

Total Vote 52,630 Turnout 75.02%
Swing C to Lab 14.47
1992: Total Vote 55,559 (82.07%) - C 34,137 (61.44%); LD 11,556 (20.80%); Lab 8,730 (15.71%); Grn 891 (1.60%); NLP 245 (0.44%); C Maj 22,581 (40.64%).

Alan Duncan, b March 31, 1957. Oil trader. Elected in 1992: contested Barnsley West and Penistone in 1987. PPS to Brian Mawhinney, C Party chair, 1995-97. Member, social security select cttee, 1992-95; chair, C backbench constitutional affairs cttee, 1994-95; former joint sec, C backbench environment cttee; treas, all-party Anglo-Swiss party group. Oil trader, Marc Rich and Co, 1982-88: owner of Harcourt Consultants, trading as oil broker and adviser on energy matters. With Shell International Petroleum, 1979-81. Ed Beechwood Park School, St Albans; Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood; St John's Coll, Oxford (Pres of Union, 1979); Kennedy Scholar at Harvard Univ, 1981-82. Freeman, City of London; liveryman, Merchant Taylors' Co.

RYEDALE
C hold

Electorate 65,215 (63,182)		%Votes
+Greenway, J (C)	21,351	43.77
Orrell, J (LD)	16,293	33.40
Hiles, A (Lab)	8,762	17.96
Mackfall, J (Ref)	1,460	2.99
Feaster, S (UK Ind)	917	1.88
C Majority	**5,058**	**10.37**

Total Vote 48,783 Turnout 74.80%
Swing C to LD 7.52
1992: Total Vote 51,175 (81.00%) - C 28,338 (55.37%); LD 15,340 (29.98%); Lab 7,497 (14.65%); C Maj 12,998 (25.40%).

John Greenway, b Feb 15, 1946. Insurance broker. Elected 1987. Cons home affairs cttee, 1994-, and 1990-91: joint chair, opera group, 1994-: chair, all-party insurance and financial services group, 1992-: PPS to min of state for ag, 1991-92. Joint vice-chair, association football group, 1990-. Vice-chair, C backbench agriculture, fisheries and food cttee, 1989-; joint sec, C health cttee, 1988-91. member, home affairs select cttee, 1987-. Racing and bloodstock industries party cttee: sec, media group. Party adviser to Inst of Insurance Brokers: Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television plc: General Healthcare Ltd. Unpaid adviser to British Health Care Assoc. Member, N Yorkshire CC, 1985-87. Director, Smart and Cook Group Ltd, insurance broking firm. Ed Sir John Deane's GS, Northwich, Cheshire. Elected member, Insurance Brokers' Registration Coucil.

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SAFFRON WALDEN
C hold

Electorate 74,097 (70,475)		%Votes
+Haselhurst, Sir A (C)	25,871	45.35
Caton, M (LD)	15,298	26.82
Fincken, M (Lab)	12,275	21.52
Glover, R (Ref)	2,308	4.05
Evans, I (UK Ind)	658	1.15
Tyler, B (Ind)	486	0.85
Edwards, C (NLP)	154	0.27
C Majority	**10,573**	**18.53**

Total Vote 57,050 Turnout 76.99%
Swing C to LD 4.72
1992: Total Vote 58,977 (83.68%) - C 33,378 (56.59%); LD 16,885 (28.63%); Lab 8,468 (14.36%); NLP 246 (0.42%); C Maj 16,493 (27.97%).

Sir Alan Haselhurst, b June 23, 1937. Elected 1977. MP for Middleton and Prestwich, 1970-Feb 74. Member, select cttees on European legislation, 1982-, and on transport, 1992-: Commons chairmen's panel; Commons catering cttee, 1991-. Jt vice-chair, C backbench education cttee, 1983-: former chair and vice-chair, C aviation cttee. Sec, all-party aerospace party group; cricket group, 1993-. Chair, trustees, Community Development Foundation, 1986- (trustee from 1982); chair, Rights of Way Review Cttee, 1983-93. Consultant to Albright & Wilson Ltd, chemicals manufacturer; Johnson Matthey plc, advanced materials technology; National Power plc. Ed King Edward VI, Birmingham; Cheltenham Coll; Oriel Coll, Oxford (Pres, Univ C Assoc, 1958, and sec, treas and librarian of Union, 1959-60).

SALFORD
Lab hold

Electorate 58,610 (61,048)		%Votes
Blears, H A (Lab)	22,848	68.98
Bishop, E (C)	5,779	17.45
Owen, N (LD)	3,407	10.29
Cumpsty, R (Ref)	926	2.80
Herman, S (NLP)	162	0.49
Lab Majority	**17,069**	**51.53**

Total Vote 33,122 Turnout 56.51%
Swing C to Lab 9.45
1992: Total Vote 39,805 (65.20%) - Lab 23,532 (59.12%); C 10,545 (26.49%); LD 5,017 (12.60%); Other 711 (1.79%); Lab Maj 12,987 (32.63%).

Hazel Blears, b May 14, 1956. Solicitor in local govt. Contested Bury S 1992; Tatton 1987. Member, Salford City Council, 1984-. Chair, NW regional Lab Party; former chair, Bury and Radcliffe CLP; former vice-chair and asst sec, Eccles CLP; ex-campaigns co-ordinator, Salford district LP. Member, Greater Manchester low pay unit; Salford Relate; trustee, Working Class Museum and Library. TGWU(ACTSS); sponsored by TGWU. Ed Wardley GS; Eccles Sixth Form; Trent Poly; Chester Coll of Law.

SALISBURY
C hold

Electorate 78,973 (76,194)		%Votes
*Key, R (C)	25,012	42.95
Emmerson-Peirce, Y (LD)	18,736	32.17
Rogers, R (Lab)	10,242	17.59
Farage, N P (UK Ind)	3,332	5.72
Soutar, H (Green)	623	1.07
Holmes, B (Ind)	184	0.32
Haysom, S (NLP)	110	0.19
C Majority	**6,276**	**10.78**

Total Vote 58,239 Turnout 73.75%
Swing C to LD 2.07
1992: Total Vote 60,594 (79.53%) - C 31,546 (52.06%); LD 22,513 (37.15%); Lab 5,483 (9.05%); Grn 609 (1.01%); Ind 233 (0.38%); Wessex 117 (0.19%); NLP 93 (0.15%); C Maj 9,033 (14.91%).

Robert Key, b April 22, 1945. Elected 1983; contested Camden, Holborn and St Pancras S 1979. Under Sec of State for Transport 1993-94; for national heritage 1992-93; for environment 1990-92. Member, select cttees on defence, 1995-97; health 1994-95; ed, science and arts, 1983-86. PPS to Chris Patten, Min for Overseas Development, and then Environment Sec, 1987-90; and to Energy Min 1985-87. Political sec to Edward Heath, former Prime Minister, 1984-85. Chair, all-party party group on Aids, 1996-, and its joint vice-chair, 1988-90; sec, C backbench cttee on arts and heritage, 1983-84. Joint party chair, Council for Education in Commonwealth, 1985-87; member, advisory cttee on Commons works of art, 1988-90; and of C Party nat union exec 1981-83. An assistant master at Harrow 1969-83. Non-exec director Hortichem Ltd. Member, Medical Research Council, 1989-90, and of its Aids cttee 1988-90. Chair, Inner Cities Religious Council, 1991-93. Member, chorus of Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, 1975-89. Ed Sherborne School; Clare Coll, Cambridge.

SCARBOROUGH & WHITBY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,862 (76,273)		%Votes
Quinn, L (Lab)	24,791	45.64
*Sykes, J (C)	19,667	36.21
Allinson, M (LD)	7,672	14.12
Murray, S (Ref)	2,191	4.03
Lab Majority	**5,124**	**9.43**

Total Vote 54,321 Turnout 71.61%
Swing C to Lab 14.67
1992: Total Vote 58,943 (77.28%) - C 29,334 (49.77%); Lab 17,600 (29.86%); LD 11,133 (18.89%); Grn 876 (1.49%); C Maj 11,734 (19.91%).

Lawrie Quinn, b Dec 25, 1956. Planning and development engineer, Railtrack. Member, Labour Electoral Reform Soc; Fabian Soc; Inst of Civil Engineers; Transport 2000. Ed Harraby School, Carlisle; Hatfield Poly.

SCUNTHORPE
Lab hold

Electorate 60,393 (62,268)		%Votes
+Morley, E A (Lab)	25,107	60.39
Fisher, M (C)	10,934	26.30
Smith, G (LD)	3,497	8.41
Smith, P (Ref)	1,637	3.94
Hopper, B (Soc Lab)	399	0.96
Lab Majority	**14,173**	**34.09**

Total Vote 41,574 Turnout 68.84%
Swing C to Lab 7.89
1992: Total Vote 48,599 (78.05%) - Lab 26,370 (54.26%); C 17,467 (35.94%); LD 3,727 (7.67%); Other 1,035 (2.13%); Lab Maj 8,903 (18.32%).

Elliott Morley, b July 6, 1952. Ex-teacher. MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe 1987-97; contested Beverley 1983. Lab spokesman on agriculture, food and rural affairs 1989-97, with responsibilities for animal welfare and fisheries. Member, agric select cttee 1987-89; vice-chair, PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1987-89. Sec, all-party British-Cyprus party group. Member, Hull City Council, 1979-85. Remedial teacher at Hull comprehensive, then head of individual learning centre until 1987. Ornithologist: vice-pres, Wildlife and Countryside Link, 1990-; council member, British Trust for Ornithology, 1992-95; RSPB, 1989-93. Ed St Margaret's CE HS, Liverpool; Hull Coll of Ed.

SEDGEFIELD
Lab hold

Electorate 64,923 (66,143)		%Votes
+Blair, T (Lab)	33,526	71.16
Pitman, E (C)	8,383	17.79
Beadle, R (LD)	3,050	6.47
Hall, M (Ref)	1,683	3.57
Gibson, B (Soc Lab)	474	1.01
Lab Majority	**25,143**	**53.36**

Total Vote 47,116 Turnout 72.57%
Swing C to Lab 9.61
1992: Total Vote 50,449 (76.27%) - Lab 31,391 (62.22%); C 14,161 (28.07%); LD 4,897 (9.71%); Lab Maj 17,230 (34.15%).

Tony Blair, b May 6, 1953. Elected leader of Lab Party and Leader of the Opposition in 1994. Won this seat 1983; contested Beaconsfield by-election 1982. Joined Shadow Cabinet 1988, being chief Lab spokesman on home affairs 1992-94; on employment 1989-92; on energy 1988-89; a spokesman on trade and industry 1987-88; on Treasury and economic affairs 1984-87. Privy Counsellor 1994. Barrister (non-practising); called to Bar (Lincoln's Inn) 1976; hon Bencher 1994. Vice-pres, British group, IPU, and UK branch, CPA. Ed Durham Choristers School; Fettes Coll, Edinburgh; St John's Coll, Oxford.

SELBY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,141 (72,159)		%Votes
Grogan, J (Lab)	25,838	45.88
Hind, K (C)	22,002	39.07
Batty, T (LD)	6,778	12.04
Walker, D (Ref)	1,162	2.06
Spence, P A (UK Ind)	536	0.95
Lab Majority	**3,836**	**6.81**

Total Vote 56,316 Turnout 74.95%
Swing C to Lab 11.14
1992: Total Vote 58,086 (80.50%) - C 29,739 (51.20%); Lab 20,752 (35.73%); LD 7,595 (13.08%); C Maj 8,987 (15.47%).

John Grogan, b Feb 24, 1961. PA to leader of Leeds City Council. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987, and York in Euro elections 1989. Was asst to Dr Barry Seal, MEP for Yorkshire W and ex-leader of Lab group in Euro Parliament. Nupe. Ed St Michael's Coll, Leeds; St John's Coll, Oxford (first Lab pres of Oxford students' union, 1982-83).

SEVENOAKS
C hold

Electorate 66,474 (66,708)		%Votes
Fallon, M (C)	22,776	45.42
Hayes, J (Lab)	12,315	24.56
Walshe, R (LD)	12,086	24.10
Large, N (Ref)	2,138	4.26
Lawrence, M (Green)	443	0.88
Ellis, M (PF)	244	0.49
Hankey, A (NLP)	147	0.29
C Majority	**10,461**	**20.86**

Total Vote 50,149 Turnout 75.44%
Swing C to Lab 10.33
1992: Total Vote 53,520 (80.23%) - C 30,847 (57.64%); LD 13,160 (24.59%); Lab 8,626 (16.12%); Grn 700 (1.31%); NLP 187 (0.35%); C Maj 17,687 (33.05%).

Michael Fallon, b May 14, 1952. Company director. MP for Darlington, 1983-92; contested Darlington by-election 1983. Under Sec for Education and Science 1990-92; a Lord Commissioner of Treasury (govt whip) 1990; asst govt whip 1988-90; PPS to Cecil Parkinson, Sec of State for Energy, 1987-88. Political asst and adviser to Lord Carrington, 1974-77; EEC adviser, C research dept, 1977-79. Sec, Lord Home's cttee on future of House of Lords, 1977-78; assistant to Lady Elles, MEP, 1979-83. Director, Quality Care Homes plc since 1992. Member, advisory council, Social Market Foundation, 1994-; Higher Education Funding Council for England 1993-; DTI deregulation task force 1994-. Joint managing dir, European Consultants Ltd, 1979-81. Ed Craigflower School, Fife; Epsom Coll; St Andrews Univ.

SHEFFIELD ATTERCLIFFE
Lab hold

Electorate 68,548 (69,706)		%Votes
*Betts, C (Lab)	28,937	65.29
Doyle, B (C)	7,119	16.06
Smith, G (LD)	6,973	15.73
Brown, J (Ref)	1,289	2.91
Lab Majority	**21,818**	**49.23**

Total Vote 44,318 Turnout 64.65%
Swing C to Lab 9.04
1992: Total Vote 49,680 (71.27%) - Lab 28,563 (57.49%); C 13,083 (26.33%); LD 7,283 (14.66%); Grn 751 (1.51%); Lab Maj 15,480 (31.16%).

Clive Betts, b Jan 13, 1950. Elected for this seat 1992; contested Louth 1979; Sheffield, Hallam, Oct 1974. Became Lab whip 1996. Member, Treasury select cttee, 1995-96; chair 1995-, and sec 1994-95, PLP Treasury cttee; sec, Lab leader's campaign team, 1995-97. Member, Sheffield City Council, 1976-92 (council leader 1987-92; dep leader 1986-87). Dep chair, AMA, 1988-91; chair, S Yorks pension authority, 1989-92. Was principal economist with S Yorkshire County Council; previously an economist with TUC and Derbyshire County Council. Member of, and sponsored in 1992, by TGWU. Ed King Edward VII, Sheffield; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge.

SHEFFIELD BRIGHTSIDE
Lab hold

Electorate 58,930 (64,433)		%Votes
*Blunkett, D (Lab)	24,901	73.53
Butler, F (LD)	4,947	14.61
Buckwell, C (C)	2,850	8.42
Farnsworth, B (Ref)	624	1.84
Davidson, P (Soc Lab)	482	1.42
Scott, R (NLP)	61	0.18
Lab Majority	**19,954**	**58.92**

Total Vote 33,865 Turnout 57.47%
Swing LD to Lab 0.49
1992: Total Vote 42,284 (65.62%) - Lab 29,771 (70.41%); C 7,090 (16.77%); LD 5,273 (12.47%); Int Comm 150 (0.35%); Lab Maj 22,681 (53.64%).

David Blunkett, b June 6, 1947. Elected 1987; contested Sheffield Hallam Feb 1974. Became Shadow Education Sec 1994 and also for employment in 1995; Shadow Health Sec from 1992, when elected to Shadow Cabinet, to 1994; in Lab frontbench environment team 1988-92, becoming Shadow Min for Local Govt. Joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee, 1987-88. Member, Lab Party NEC, 1983-; party chair, 1993-94. Lab leader of Sheffield City Council 1980, serving on council 1970-88; also South Yorks cllr 1973-77. Dep chair, AMA, 1984-87. Party adviser to Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. Industrial relations tutor, Barnsley Coll of Tech, 1974-87. Member, Unison. Ed Royal Nat Coll for the Blind, Shrewsbury; Richmond CFE, Sheffield; Sheffield Univ; Huddersfield Coll of Ed (Tech).

SHEFFIELD CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 68,667 (71,980)		%Votes
+Caborn, R (Lab)	23,179	63.65
Qadar, A (LD)	6,273	17.22
Hess, M (C)	4,341	11.92
D'Agorne, A (Green)	954	2.62
Brownlow, A (Ref)	863	2.37
Douglas, K (Soc)	466	1.28
Aitken, M (ProLife)	280	0.77
Driver, M (WRP)	63	0.17
Lab Majority	**16,906**	**46.42**

Total Vote 36,419 Turnout 53.04%
Swing LD to Lab 2.85
1992: Total Vote 42,680 (59.29%) - Lab 25,448 (59.63%); LD 8,068 (18.90%); C 7,983 (18.70%); Grn 840 (1.97%); EUVJJ 238 (0.56%); CL 103 (0.24%); Lab Maj 17,380 (40.72%).

Richard Caborn, b Oct 6, 1943. Elected 1983; MEP for Sheffield 1979-84. Lab spokesman on Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1995-97; chair, select cttee on trade and industry, 1992-95; member, select cttee on Euro legislation, 1983-88. Sec, all-party Southern Africa party group; vice-chair, Tribune Group, 1986-87Non-executive dir, Sheffield United. Unpaid dir, Freedom Productions Ltd; Sheffield City Trust; Sheffield Festival. Worked as a fitter; convener of shop stewards, Firth Brown Ltd, 1967-79; vice-pres, Sheffield Trades Council, 1968-79. Member, BBC advisory council, 1975-78. Member of Co-op Party. Sponsored by AUEW 1992. Ed Hurlfield Comp, Sheffield; Granville CFE; Sheffield Poly.

SHEFFIELD HALLAM
LD gain from C

Electorate 62,834 (61,133)		%Votes
Allan, R (LD)	23,345	51.33
+Patnick, Sir I (C)	15,074	33.14
Conquest, S (Lab)	6,147	13.52
Davidson, I (Ref)	788	1.73
Booler, P (SIP)	125	0.27
LD Majority	**8,271**	**18.19**

Total Vote 45,479 Turnout 72.38%
Swing C to LD 18.53
1992: Total Vote 44,712 (73.14%) - C 22,180 (49.61%); LD 13,740 (30.73%); Lab 8,246 (18.44%); Grn 384 (0.86%); NLP 82 (0.18%); Rev Comm 80 (0.18%); C Maj 8,440 (18.88%).

Richard Allan, b Feb 11, 1966. NHS computer manager. Member, Avon County Council, 1993-; Bath City Council, 1994-. Member, World Development Movement; Voting Reform Group; CPRE. Ed Oundle; Pembroke Coll, Cambridge; Bristol Poly.

SHEFFIELD HEELEY
Lab hold

Electorate 66,599 (71,508)		%Votes
*Michie, B (Lab)	26,274	60.73
Davison, R (LD)	9,196	21.25
Harthman, J (C)	6,767	15.64
Mawson, D (Ref)	1,029	2.38
Lab Majority	**17,078**	**39.47**

Total Vote 43,266 Turnout 64.96%
Swing LD to Lab 1.09
1992: Total Vote 50,303 (70.35%) - Lab 28,005 (55.67%); C 13,051 (25.94%); LD 9,247 (18.38%); Lab Maj 14,954 (29.73%).

Bill Michie, b Nov 24, 1935. Ex-maintenance electrician and laboratory technician. Elected for this seat 1983. Member, Commons privileges cttee, 1994-95; select cttee on members' interests 1992-95. Treas, Campaign group of Lab MPs, 1987-; vice-chair, Yorkshire group of Lab MPs, 1985-87. Member, Sheffield City Council, 1970-84; South Yorkshire County Council, 1974-86. Made redundant 1981, unemployed 1981-83. Sponsored by AEEU 1992; ex-shop steward of union, which he joined in 1952. Ed Abbeydale Sec, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD HILLSBOROUGH
Lab hold

Electorate 74,642 (76,823)		%Votes
*Jackson, H (Lab)	30,150	56.86
Dunworth, A (LD)	13,699	25.84
Nuttall, D (C)	7,707	14.53
Rusling, J (Ref)	1,468	2.77
Lab Majority	**16,451**	**31.03**

Total Vote 53,024 Turnout 71.04%
Swing LD to Lab 9.60
1992: Total Vote 59,703 (77.72%) - Lab 27,563 (46.17%); LD 20,500 (34.34%); C 11,640 (19.50%); Lab Maj 7,063 (11.83%).

Mrs Helen Jackson, b May 19, 1939. Ex-teacher. Elected for this seat 1992. Member, environment select cttee, 1992-97. Chair, all-party water party group, 1994-. Joint chair, PLP women's group, 1992-; joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee; sec, PLP environmental protection cttee. Member, Sheffield City Council, 1980-91; Huyton Urban District Council 1972-74; TGWU. Founder member and chair, Centre for Local Economic Strategies, 1986-91. Ed Berkhamsted Girls' School; St Hilda's Coll, Oxford.

SHERWOOD
Lab hold

Electorate 74,788 (74,139)		%Votes
*Tipping, P (Lab)	33,071	58.50
Spencer, R (C)	16,259	28.76
Moult, B (LD)	4,889	8.65
Slack, L (Ref)	1,882	3.33
Ballard, P (BNP)	432	0.76
Lab Majority	**16,812**	**29.74**

Total Vote 56,533 Turnout 75.59%
Swing C to Lab 12.55
1992: Total Vote 62,705 (84.58%) - Lab 29,788 (47.50%); C 26,878 (42.86%); LD 6,039 (9.63%); Lab Maj 2,910 (4.64%).

Paddy Tipping, b Oct 24, 1949. Ex-social worker. Gained this seat for Lab 1992; contested Rushcliffe 1987. Member, select cttee of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1996-97. Joint chair, all-party minerals group, 1996-; all-party epilepsy group, 1994-; Armenia group; sec, PLP home affairs cttee; chair, Central Region group of Lab MPs. Member, Notts County Council, 1981-93. Project leader, C of E Children's Soc, Nottingham, 1979-83. Dir, Notts Co-operative Development Agency, 1983-92; Nottingham Development Enterprise 1987-93. Member, Co-op Party; Unison. Ed Hipperholme GS; Nottingham Univ.

SHIPLEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,281 (69,628)		%Votes
Leslie, C (Lab)	22,962	43.43
*Fox, Sir M (C)	19,966	37.76
Cole, J (LD)	7,984	15.10
Ellams, S (Ref)	1,960	3.71
Lab Majority	**2,996**	**5.67**

Total Vote 52,872 Turnout 76.32%
Swing C to Lab 13.79
1992: Total Vote 56,512 (81.16%) - C 28,463 (50.37%); Lab 16,081 (28.46%); LD 11,288 (19.97%); Grn 680 (1.20%); C Maj 12,382 (21.91%).

Christopher Leslie, b June 28, 1972. Political research asst/office administrator. Member, Bradford City Council, 1994-. Chair, Shipley constituency area panel sub-cttee. Member, TGWU, GMB. Ed Bingley GS; Leeds Univ.

SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM
Lab gain from C

Electorate 73,542 (72,052)		%Votes
Marsden, P (Lab)	20,484	37.01
*Conway, D (C)	18,814	33.99
Woolland, A (LD)	13,838	25.00
Barker, D (Ref)	1,346	2.43
Rowlands, D W (UK Ind)	477	0.86
Dignan, A (CFSS)	257	0.46
Williams, A (PPP)	128	0.23
Lab Majority	**1,670**	**3.02**

Total Vote 55,344 Turnout 75.25%
Swing C to Lab 11.40
1992: Total Vote 58,231 (80.82%) - C 26,681 (45.82%); LD 15,716 (26.99%); Lab 15,157 (26.03%); Grn 677 (1.16%); C Maj 10,965 (18.83%).

Paul Marsden, b March 18, 1968. Quality assurance manager. Chair, Nesscliffe branch, Shrewsbury CLP, 1995-. Ed Helsby HS; Mid-Cheshire Coll; Teesside Poly; Open Univ.

SHROPSHIRE NORTH
C hold

Electorate 70,852 (68,301)		%Votes
Paterson, O (C)	20,730	40.24
Lucas, I (Lab)	18,535	35.98
Stevens, J (LD)	10,489	20.36
Allen, D (Ref)	1,764	3.42
C Majority	**2,195**	**4.26**

Total Vote 51,518 Turnout 72.71%
Swing C to Lab 11.79
1992: Total Vote 53,420 (78.21%) - C 27,159 (50.84%); LD 13,978 (26.17%); Lab 12,283 (22.99%); C Maj 13,181 (24.67%).

Owen Paterson, b June 24, 1956. Tanner. Contested Wrexham 1992. Assisted John Biffen in Shropshire N 1987 election. Managing dir, British Leather Co, Birkenhead, since 1985; UK rep to Euro Tanning Fed. Member, Ellesmere Cottage Hospital action group 1988-89. Ed Radley; Corpus Christi Coll, Cambridge.

SITTINGBOURNE & SHEPPEY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 63,850 (66,141)		%Votes
Wyatt, D (Lab)	18,723	40.56
+Moate, Sir R D (C)	16,794	36.38
Truelove, R (LD)	8,447	18.30
Moull, P (Ref)	1,082	2.34
Driver, C (Loony)	644	1.40
Risi, N (UK Ind)	472	1.02
Lab Majority	**1,929**	**4.18**

Total Vote 46,162 Turnout 72.30%
Swing C to Lab 14.52
1992: Total Vote 50,552 (77.60%) - C 24,669 (48.80%); LD 13,541 (26.79%); Lab 12,106 (23.95%); Other 236 (0.47%); C Maj 11,128 (22.01%).

Derek Wyatt, b Dec 4, 1949. Works in corporate dept, BSkyB. Haringey cllr. Chair of Alexandra Palace Trust. Member, NUJ; Amnesty; Greenpeace; ANC London; Charter 88. England rugby union international (one cap). Oxford rugby union Blue. Ed Open Univ; St Catherine's Coll, Oxford.

SKIPTON & RIPON
C hold

Electorate 72,042 (70,154)		%Votes
+Curry, D (C)	0	NaN
Marchant, R (Lab)	0	NaN
Mould, T (LD)	0	NaN
Holdsworth, N (Ref)	0	NaN
C Majority	**0**	**NaN**

Total Vote 0 Turnout 0.00%
Swing C to Lab NaN
1992: Total Vote 56,933 (81.16%) - C 32,944 (57.86%); LD 15,547 (27.31%); Lab 8,442 (14.83%); C Maj 17,397 (30.56%).

David Curry, b June 13, 1944. Freelance journalist. Elected 1987; contested Morpeth in both 1974 elections. MEP for Essex NE, 1979-89. Appointed Min of Local Govt, Housing and Urban Regeneration with rank of Min of State, DoE, 1993, and in 1996 also became Min for the West Country. Min of State for Ag, Fish and Food 1992-93; Parly Sec, Min of Ag, Fish and Food, 1989-92. Privy Counsellor 1996. Member, agriculture select cttee, 1987-89. Joint sec, C backbench ag, fish and food cttee, 1987-89. Euro democratic group and C spokesman, Euro Parlmnt budgets cttee, 1985-89; rapporteur-general on 1987 EEC budget; chair, Euro Parlmnt agric cttee, 1982-84. Brussels correspondent, Financial Times, 1975; Paris correspondent 1976; foreign news editor, London, 1978. Ed Ripon GS; Corpus Christi Coll, Oxford; Kennedy Inst of Govt, Harvard.

SLEAFORD & NORTH HYKEHAM
C hold

Electorate 71,486 (68,382)		%Votes
+Hogg, D M (C)	23,358	43.93
Harriss, S (Lab)	18,235	34.29
Marriott, J (LD)	8,063	15.16
Clery, P (Ref)	2,942	5.53
Overton, R (Ind)	578	1.09
C Majority	**5,123**	**9.63**

Total Vote 53,176 Turnout 74.39%
Swing C to Lab 13.44
1992: Total Vote 53,354 (80.37%) - C 31,180 (58.44%); Lab 11,698 (21.93%); LD 8,873 (16.63%); Other 1,603 (3.00%); C Maj 19,482 (36.51%).

Douglas Hogg, b Feb 5, 1945. Barrister (non-practising). MP for Grantham, 1979-97. Joined Cabinet 1995 as Min of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Min of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs 1990-95; Min for Industry, with rank of Min of State for Trade and Industry, 1989-90; Under Sec, Home Office, 1986-89; asst govt whip 1983-84. Member, agric select cttee, 1979-82; PPS to Chief Secretary to Treasury, 1982-83. Chair, exec cttee, Soc of C Lawyers. Ed Eton; Christ Church, Oxford (Pres of Union); Lincoln's Inn. Elder son of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, former Lord Chancellor.

SLOUGH
Lab hold

Electorate 70,283 (69,450)		%Votes
MacTaggart, F (Lab)	27,029	56.63
Buscombe, P (C)	13,958	29.24
Bushill, C (LD)	3,509	7.35
Bradshaw, A (Lib)	1,835	3.84
Sharkey, T (Ref)	1,124	2.35
Whitmore, P (Slough)	277	0.58
Lab Majority	**13,071**	**27.38**

Total Vote 47,732 Turnout 67.91%
Swing C to Lab 13.66
1992: Total Vote 53,465 (76.98%) - Lab 23,580 (44.10%); C 23,544 (44.04%); LD 3,841 (7.18%); Lib 1,319 (2.47%); Ind Lab 647 (1.21%); NF 268 (0.50%); NLP 142 (0.27%); ERIP 124 (0.23%); Lab Maj 36 (0.07%).

Ms Fiona MacTaggart, b Sept 12, 1953. Lecturer in primary education, London Univ Inst of Ed. Founder board member and assoc editor of Renewal discussion journal. Dir, Fabian Education School, 1995, and author/editor of Fabian pamphlet on education. Founder, David Hodge Memorial Trust/Young Photojournalist of the Year award. Ed Cheltenham Ladies' College; Kings College, London.

SOLIHULL
C hold

Electorate 78,898 (78,171)		%Votes
+Taylor, J (C)	26,299	44.65
Southcombe, M (LD)	14,902	25.30
Harris, R (Lab)	14,334	24.33
Nattrass, M (Ref)	2,748	4.67
Caffery, J (ProLife)	623	1.06
C Majority	**11,397**	**19.35**

Total Vote 58,906 Turnout 74.66%
Swing C to LD 10.25
1992: Total Vote 62,916 (80.49%) - C 38,277 (60.84%); LD 13,202 (20.98%); Lab 10,512 (16.71%); Grn 925 (1.47%); C Maj 25,075 (39.85%).

John Taylor, b Aug 19, 1974. Elected for this seat 1983; contested Dudley E, Feb and Oct 1974; MEP for Midlands East 1979-84. Became corporate affairs min at DTI in 1995 with rank of Under Sec of State; Parly Sec, Lord Chancellor's Department, 1992-95; Vice-Chamberlain of HM Household, 1990-92; a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (govt whip) 1989-90; asst govt whip 1988-89. As MEP was C EEC budget spokesman 1979-81, and group dep chair 1981-82. PPS to Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster and Trade and Industry Min, 1987-88; joint vice-chair, C backbench Euro affairs cttee, 1986-87 (joint sec, 1983-86).

SOMERTON & FROME
LD gain from C

Electorate 73,988 (72,546)		%Votes
Heath, D (LD)	22,684	39.52
+Robinson, M (C)	22,554	39.29
Ashford, B (Lab)	9,385	16.35
Rodwell, R (Ref)	2,449	4.27
Gadd, R P (UK Ind)	331	0.58
LD Majority	**130**	**0.23**

Total Vote 57,403 Turnout 77.58%
Swing C to LD 3.68
1992: Total Vote 59,672 (82.26%) - C 28,287 (47.40%); LD 24,036 (40.28%); Lab 6,217 (10.42%); Grn 744 (1.25%); Lib 388 (0.65%); C Maj 4,251 (7.12%).

David Heath, b March 16, 1954. Consultant (also non-practising optician). Contested this seat 1992. Party consultant to World Wide Fund for Nature 1991, and to Age Concern 1991. Member, Somerset County Council 1985- (leader 1985-89; opposition leader 1989-91); chair, Avon and Somerset police authority 1993-96.

SOUTH HOLLAND & THE DEEPINGS
C hold

Electorate 69,642 (64,244)		%Votes
Hayes, J (C)	24,691	49.25
Lewis, J (Lab)	16,700	33.31
Millen, P (LD)	7,836	15.63
Erwood, G (NPC)	902	1.80
C Majority	**7,991**	**15.94**

Total Vote 50,129 Turnout 71.98%
Swing C to Lab 8.50
1992: Total Vote 50,890 (79.21%) - C 29,017 (57.02%); Lab 12,254 (24.08%); LD 9,619 (18.90%); C Maj 16,763 (32.94%).

John Hayes, b June 23, 1958. Sales director. Contested Derbyshire NE 1992 and 1987. Member, Nottinghamshire County Council, 1985-; member, nat cttee, Fed of C Students, 1982-84; chair, Aspley Ward, Nottingham C, 1980-83. With The Data Base, Nottingham computer company, since 1983.

SOUTH SHIELDS
Lab hold

Electorate 62,261 (65,863)		%Votes
+Clark, D (Lab)	27,834	71.41
Hoban, M (C)	5,681	14.57
Ord, D (LD)	3,429	8.80
Loraine, A (Ref)	1,660	4.26
Wilburn, I (Shields)	374	0.96
Lab Majority	**22,153**	**56.83**

Total Vote 38,978 Turnout 62.60%
Swing C to Lab 11.18
1992: Total Vote 45,887 (69.67%) - Lab 28,041 (61.11%); C 12,220 (26.63%); LD 5,626 (12.26%); Lab Maj 15,821 (34.48%).

Dr David Clark, b Oct 19, 1939. Forester and university lecturer. Elected for this seat 1979; MP for Colne Valley 1970 to Feb 1974; contested Manchester, Withington, 1966, and Colne Valley, Feb and Oct 1974. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1986, became chief Lab spokesman, on defence, disarmament and arms control in 1992; chief spokesman on food, agriculture and rural affairs 1987-92; spokesman on environmental protection and development 1986-87. A Lab spokesman on defence 1980-81, and environment 1981-86. Dir, Homeowners Friendly Soc, 1989.

SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN
Lab hold

Electorate 76,869 (73,697)		%Votes
+Denham, J (Lab)	29,498	54.77
Fleet, P (C)	15,289	28.39
Harrison, D (LD)	6,289	11.68
Clegg, J (Ref)	1,660	3.08
Rose, K (Soc Lab)	628	1.17
Hoar, C R (UK Ind)	172	0.32
Marsh, G (Soc)	113	0.21
Barry, R (NLP)	110	0.20
McDermott, F (ProLife)	99	0.18
Lab Majority	**14,209**	**26.38**

Total Vote 53,858 Turnout 70.06%
Swing C to Lab 12.27
1992: Total Vote 57,107 (77.49%) - Lab 25,118 (43.98%); C 24,065 (42.14%); LD 7,924 (13.88%); Lab Maj 1,053 (1.84%).

John Denham, b July 15, 1953. Gained this seat for Lab 1992; contested it 1987 and 1983. Appointed Lab spokesman on social security 1995, dealing with pensions. Member, environment select cttee, 1992-95. Joint sec, all-party overseas development party group; insurance and financial services group; vice-chair, refugees group. Former sec, PLP environment cttee; former vice-chair, SE and SW group of Lab MPs. Member, Hampshire County.

SOUTHAMPTON TEST
Lab hold

Electorate 72,983 (71,957)		%Votes
Whitehead, A (Lab)	28,396	54.15
+Hill, Sir J (C)	14,712	28.05
Dowden, A (LD)	7,171	13.67
Day, P (Ref)	1,397	2.66
Marks, H (LCP)	388	0.74
McCabe, A M (UK Ind)	219	0.42
Taylor, P (Glow)	81	0.15
Sinel, J (NLP)	77	0.15
Lab Majority	**13,684**	**26.09**

Total Vote 52,441 Turnout 71.85%
Swing C to Lab 10.53
1992: Total Vote 54,032 (75.09%) - Lab 24,565 (45.46%), C 21,843 (40.43%); LD 7,087 (13.12%); Grn 452 (0.84%); NLP 85 (0.16%); Lab Maj 2,722 (5.04%).

Alan Whitehead, b Sept 15, 1950. Professor of public policy, Southampton Inst. Contested New Forest 1979, Southampton Test 1983, 1987 and 1992. Southampton cllr 1980- (council leader 1984-92). Member SERA; Greenpeace. Ed Isleworth GS; Southampton Univ.

SOUTHEND WEST
C hold

Electorate 66,493 (64,819)		%Votes
+Amess, D A (C)	18,029	38.76
Stimson, N (LD)	15,414	33.14
Harley, A (Lab)	10,600	22.79
Webster, C (Ref)	1,734	3.73
Lee, B (UK Ind)	636	1.37
Warburton, P (NLP)	101	0.22
C Majority	**2,615**	**5.62**

Total Vote 46,514 Turnout 69.95%
Swing C to LD 9.10
1992: Total Vote 49,948 (77.06%) - C 27,319 (54.69%); LD 15,417 (30.87%); Lab 6,139 (12.29%); Lib 495 (0.99%); Grn 451 (0.90%); NLP 127 (0.25%); C Maj 11,902 (23.83%).

David Amess, b March 26, 1952. Was MP for Basildon 1983-97; contested Newham NW 1979. PPS to Michael Portillo, as Defence Sec and previous posts, 1989-97; to Under Secs of State for Health 1987-89. Member, select cttee on broadcasting. Redbridge cllr 1982-86. Chair (unpaid), Accountancy Ltd, personnel consultants.

SOUTHPORT
LD gain from C

Electorate 70,194 (72,635)		%Votes
Fearn, R (LD)	24,346	48.12
*Banks, M (C)	18,186	35.94
Norman, S (Lab)	6,125	12.11
Buckle, F (Ref)	1,368	2.70
Ashton, S (Lib)	386	0.76
Lines, E (NLP)	93	0.18
Middleton, M (Nat Dem)	92	0.18
LD Majority	**6,160**	**12.17**

Total Vote 50,596 Turnout 72.08%
Swing C to LD 8.85
1992: Total Vote 55,440 (76.33%) - C 26,081 (47.04%); LD 23,018 (41.52%); Lab 5,637 (10.17%); Grn 545 (0.98%); NLP 159 (0.29%); C Maj 3,063 (5.52%).

Ronnie Fearn, b Feb 2, 1931. Retired banker. Was MP for Southport 1987-92; contested this seat 1970, Feb and Oct 1974, 1979, 1987. When MP, was LD spokesman on health and social services 1987-88; health and tourism 1988-89; local govt 1989-91; England, transport, housing and tourism, 1991. Joint vice-chair, all-party party group for children, 1987-92. Member, Southport Borough Council, Sefton MBC, Merseyside County Council (ex-leader on all three councils). Ed King George V GS, Southport.

SOUTHWARK NORTH & BERMONDSEY
LD hold

Electorate 65,598 (69,011)		%Votes
+Hughes, S H W (LD)	19,831	48.61
Fraser, J (Lab)	16,444	40.31
Shapps, G (C)	2,835	6.95
Davidson, M (BNP)	713	1.75
Newton, B (Ref)	545	1.34
Grant, I (Comm Lge)	175	0.43
Munday, J (Lib)	157	0.38
Yngvison, I (Nat Dem)	95	0.23
LD Majority	**3,387**	**8.30**

Total Vote 40,795 Turnout 62.19%
Swing LD to Lab 4.28
1992: Total Vote 43,126 (62.49%) - LD 22,158 (51.38%); Lab 14,889 (34.52%); C 5,170 (11.99%); Other 909 (2.11%); LD Maj 7,269 (16.86%).

Simon Hughes, b May 17, 1951. Non-practising barrister. Won Southwark and Bermondsey for L/All 1983 by-election and became LD MP 1988. LD spokesman on health, urban policy and young people, 1995-; on education and community relations, urban affairs and young people, 1994-95; environment and natural resources 1990-94 and 1983-88; education and science 1988-92; LD dep whip 1989-. Member, joint ecclesiastical cttee; joint vice-chair, all-party Christian Fellowship party group; environment group; South Africa group; vice-chair, housing co-operatives group; joint treas, Council of Christians and Jews group; sec, asthma group. Member, Commons accommodation and works cttee.

SPELTHORNE
C hold

Electorate 70,562 (64,248)		%Votes
*Wilshire, D (C)	23,306	44.89
Dibble, K (Lab)	19,833	38.20
Glynn, E (LD)	6,821	13.14
Coleman, B (Ref)	1,495	2.88
Fowler, J D (UK Ind)	462	0.89
C Majority	**3,473**	**6.69**

Total Vote 51,917 Turnout 73.58%
Swing C to Lab 14.46
1992: Total Vote 55,728 (86.74%) - C 32,627 (58.55%); Lab 12,784 (22.94%); LD 9,202 (16.51%); Grn 580 (1.04%); Loony 338 (0.61%); NLP 195 (0.35%); C Maj 19,843 (35.61%).

David Wilshire, b Sept 16, 1943. Political consultant; formerly personnel officer, teacher. Elected 1987. PPS to Min of State for Defence Procurement, 1991-92, and to Min of State, Home Office, 1992-94. Member, select cttee on N Ireland, 1994-97; exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1994-. Sec, C backbench environment cttee, 1994-, and joint vice-chair, 1990-91; joint vice-chair, 1995-, and former sec, C cttee on N Ireland; sec, C food and drinks industries sub-cttee, 1990-91; sec, all-party Methodist party group. Member, Wansdyke District Council, Avon, 1976-87 (leader 1981-87); Avon County Council 1977-81. Partner, Western Political Research Services, 1979-; co-director, political management programme, Brunel Univ, 1986-90. Ed Kingswood School, Bath; Fitzwilliam Coll, Cambridge.

ST ALBANS
Lab gain from C

Electorate 65,560 (64,771)		%Votes
Pollard, K (Lab)	21,338	42.00
Rutley, D (C)	16,879	33.22
Rowlands, A (LD)	10,692	21.05
Warrilow, J (Ref)	1,619	3.19
Craigen, S (Dream)	166	0.33
Docker, I (NLP)	111	0.22
Lab Majority	**4,459**	**8.78**

Total Vote 50,805 Turnout 77.49%
Swing C to Lab 14.70
1992: Total Vote 51,660 (79.76%) - C 23,586 (45.66%); LD 14,452 (27.98%); Lab 12,932 (25.03%); Grn 566 (1.10%); NLP 124 (0.24%); C Maj 9,134 (17.68%).

Kerry Pollard, b April 27, 1944. Engineer. Contested seat in 1992. Member, St Albans DC, 1982-; Herts CC, 1989-.

ST HELENS NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 71,380 (71,895)		%Votes
Watts, D (Lab)	31,953	64.91
Walker, P (C)	8,536	17.34
Beirne, J (LD)	6,270	12.74
Johnson, D (Ref)	1,276	2.59
Waugh, R (Soc Lab)	832	1.69
Rudin, R D (UK Ind)	363	0.74
Lab Majority	**23,417**	**47.57**

Total Vote 49,230 Turnout 68.97%
Swing C to Lab 9.05
1992: Total Vote 55,127 (76.69%) - Lab 31,930 (57.92%); C 15,686 (28.45%); LD 7,224 (13.10%); NLP 287 (0.52%); Lab Maj 16,244 (29.47%).

Dave Watts, b Aug 26, 1951. Leader St Helen's Borough Council; former research assistant to John Evans MP; regional organiser Liverpool N W, 1992 election.

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ST HELENS SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 66,526 (68,545)		%Votes
+Bermingham, G E (Lab)	30,367	68.61
Russell, M (C)	6,628	14.98
Spencer, B (LD)	5,919	13.37
Holdaway, W (Ref)	1,165	2.63
Jump, H (NLP)	179	0.40
Lab Majority	**23,739**	**53.64**

Total Vote 44,258 Turnout 66.53%
Swing C to Lab 8.55
1992: Total Vote 50,100 (73.09%) - Lab 30,572 (61.02%); C 12,263 (24.49%); LD 6,961 (13.89%); NLP 304 (0.61%); Lab Maj 18,309 (36.54%).

Gerry Bermingham, b Aug 20, 1940. Barrister. Elected 1983. Contested SE Derbyshire 1979. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1983-; former chair, PLP home affairs cttee; sec, all-party industrial safety party group; joint treas, space party cttee; treas, magic group. Member, Sheffield City Council, 1975-79; 1980-82. Vice-pres, League Against Cruel Sports. Sponsored by GMB. Ed Cotton Coll, N Staffs; Wellingborough GS; Sheffield Univ.

ST IVES
LD gain from C

Electorate 71,680 (72,115)		%Votes
George, A (LD)	23,966	44.48
Rogers, W (C)	16,796	31.16
Fegan, C (Lab)	8,184	15.18
Faulkner, M (Ref)	3,714	6.89
Garnier, P E (UK Ind)	567	1.05
Stephens, G (Lib)	425	0.79
Lippiatt, K (R Alt)	178	0.33
Hitchins, W (BHMBCM)	71	0.13
LD Majority	**7,170**	**13.30**

Total Vote 53,901 Turnout 75.20%
Swing C to LD 8.09
1992: Total Vote 57,132 (79.22%) - C 24,528 (42.93%); LD 22,883 (40.05%); Lab 9,144 (16.01%); Lib 577 (1.01%); C Maj 1,645 (2.88%).

Andrew George, b Dec 2, 1958. Charity worker. Contested St Ives 1992. Member, Friends of the Earth; World Development Movement. Ed Helston School; Univ Coll, Oxford; Sussex Univ. Interests include Cornish history, language and culture.

STAFFORD
Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,555 (66,380)		%Votes
Kidney, D (Lab)	24,606	47.53
Cameron, D (C)	20,292	39.19
Hornby, P (LD)	5,480	10.58
Culley, S (Ref)	1,146	2.21
May, A (Loony)	248	0.48
Lab Majority	**4,314**	**8.33**

Total Vote 51,772 Turnout 76.64%
Swing C to Lab 10.74
1992: Total Vote 55,047 (82.93%) - C 26,464 (48.08%); Lab 19,229 (34.93%); LD 9,097 (16.53%); Hardcore 129 (0.23%); NLP 128 (0.23%); C Maj 7,235 (13.14%).

David Kidney, b March 21, 1955. Solicitor. Contested Stafford 1992. Member, Stafford Borough Council 1987-95; MSF; Soc of Lab Lawyers. Ed Longdon HS, Stoke-on-Trent; Stoke-on-Trent Sixth-Form Coll; Bristol Univ.

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS
Lab hold

Electorate 66,095 (67,045)		%Votes
Atkins, C (Lab)	26,686	52.21
Ashworth, A J (C)	16,637	32.55
Jebb, C (LD)	6,191	12.11
Stanworth, D (Ref)	1,603	3.14
Lab Majority	**10,049**	**19.66**

Total Vote 51,117 Turnout 77.34%
Swing C to Lab 8.73
1992: Total Vote 53,769 (80.20%) - Lab 21,972 (40.86%); C 20,787 (38.66%); LD 9,381 (17.45%); Anti-Fed 1,451 (2.70%); NLP 178 (0.33%); Lab Maj 1,185 (2.20%).

Ms Charlotte Atkins, b Sept 24, 1950. Party officer for Unison. Contested 1990 Eastbourne by-election. Member, Lab nat policy forum and nat exec women's cttee. Wandsworth cllr 1982-86 (deputy leader). Chair of governors at daughter's school, Kelvin Grove, London. Ed Colchester County HS for Girls; LSE; London University.

STAFFORDSHIRE SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 68,896 (68,716)		%Votes
+Cormack, Sir P (C)	25,568	50.02
LeMaistre, J (Lab)	17,747	34.72
Calder, J (LD)	5,797	11.34
Carnell, P (Ref)	2,002	3.92
C Majority	**7,821**	**15.30**

Total Vote 51,114 Turnout 74.19%
Swing C to Lab 9.05
1992: Total Vote 55,740 (81.12%) - C 32,982 (59.17%); Lab 14,367 (25.78%); LD 8,391 (15.05%); C Maj 18,615 (33.40%).

Sir Patrick Cormack, b May 18, 1939. Journalist. Elected for this seat Feb 1974; MP for Cannock 1970-74; contested Grimsby 1966; Bolsover 1964. Joined Commons chairmen's panel 1983. Chair, advisory cttee on Commons works of art, 1988-; member, Commons accommodation and works cttee; joint party ecclesiastical cttee. Chair, all-party Bosnia party group, 1992-; Croatia group 1992-; Finland group 1992-; joint chair, arts and heritage group, 1979-. Chair, C Party advisory cttee on arts and heritage, 1988-; Council for Independent Ed, 1979-. Editor, Parliament's House Magazine and pres (international affairs) of First magazine. Programme adviser to Catholic Univ of America. Public affairs and party adviser to Machinery Users' Assoc; Council for Awards in Children's Care and Ed. Project consultant to Colebrand Ltd, high tech private co. Heritage adviser to Linford-Bridgeman, conservation and restoration co. Council member, Georgian Group, 1985-. Vice-chair, Heritage in Danger, 1974-. Member, Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, 1981-; Worshipful Co of Glaziers 1979-. Fellow, Soc of Antiquaries, 1978-. Elected to General Synod of C of E 1995. Freeman, City of London; Hon Citizen of Texas. Ed St James's Choir and Havelock Schools, Grimsby; Hull Univ.

STALYBRIDGE & HYDE
Lab hold

Electorate 65,468 (67,303)		%Votes
+Pendry, T (Lab)	25,363	58.87
de Bois, N (C)	10,557	24.51
Cross, M (LD)	5,169	12.00
Clapham, R (Ref)	1,992	4.62
Lab Majority	**14,806**	**34.37**

Total Vote 43,081 Turnout 65.80%
Swing C to Lab 9.34
1992: Total Vote 49,279 (73.22%) - Lab 25,435 (51.61%); C 17,708 (35.93%); LD 4,443 (9.02%); Lib 1,144 (2.32%); Loony 322 (0.65%); NLP 227 (0.46%); Lab Maj 7,727 (15.68%).

Tom Pendry, b June 10, 1934. Elected 1970. Became a Lab spokesman on national heritage, sport and tourism 1992. *Member*, select cttees on environment, 1987-92; MPs' interests 1987-92. Chair, all-party association football cttee, 1980-92, and PLP sports cttee, 1984-92; joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee, 1988-; joint chair, all-party jazz party group, 1991-. Under Sec of State for N Ireland 1978-79; Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (govt whip) 1974-77. Paddington cllr 1962-65. Administrative steward, British Boxing Board of Control, 1987-. Trustee, Tameside Community Care Trust. Member, nat advisory cttee, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Full-time official, Nupe, 1960-70; sponsored by *Unison* 1992. Ed St Augustine's, Ramsgate; Oxford Univ.

STEVENAGE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,889 (67,015)		%Votes
Follett, B (Lab)	28,440	55.35
+Wood, T J R (C)	16,858	32.81
Wilcock, A (LD)	4,588	8.93
Coburn, J (Ref)	1,194	2.32
Bundy, D (ProLife)	196	0.38
Calcraft, A (NLP)	110	0.21
Lab Majority	**11,582**	**22.54**

Total Vote 51,386 Turnout 76.82%
Swing C to Lab 13.93
1992: Total Vote 54,838 (81.83%) - C 24,078 (43.91%); Lab 21,159 (38.59%); LD 9,279 (17.10%); NLP 220 (0.40%); C Maj 2,919 (5.32%).

Ms Barbara Follett, b Dec 25, 1942. Lecturer and research fellow at Inst of Public Policy and Research. Contested Woking 1983, Epsom and Ewell 1987. Member, Lab national training team, 1988-92. Asst in Leader's Office during 1992 general election. Founded Emily's List 1988; co-founder Lab Women's Network. Ed Sandford School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Ellerslie Girls HS, Cape Town; Cape Town Univ; LSE; Open Univ.

STOCKPORT
Lab hold

Electorate 65,232 (67,141)		%Votes
+Coffey, A (Lab)	29,338	62.86
Fitzsimmons, S (C)	10,426	22.34
Roberts, S (LD)	4,951	10.61
Morley-Scott, W (Ref)	1,280	2.74
Southern, G (Soc Lab)	255	0.55
Newitt, C (Loony)	213	0.46
Dronfield, C (Ind)	206	0.44
Lab Majority	**18,912**	**40.52**

Total Vote 46,669 Turnout 71.54%
Swing C to Lab 15.18
1992: Total Vote 53,806 (80.14%) - Lab 25,852 (48.04%); C 20,384 (37.88%); LD 6,894 (12.81%); Grn 606 (1.13%); NLP 70 (0.13%); Lab Maj 5,468 (10.16%).

Ms Ann Coffey, b Aug 31, 1946. Won this seat for Lab 1992; contested Cheadle 1987. Became a Lab whip 1995. Member, trade and industry select cttee, 1992-95; joint vice-chair, PLP trade and industry cttee, 1993-95; ex-hon sec, NW group of Lab MPs; joint chair, all-party lighting party group. Member, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, 1984-92 (Lab group leader 1988-92). Member, party panel, Usdaw; Unison's non-affiliated party group; local HA 1986-90. Nalgo. Social worker 1972-88; team leader, fostering, Oldham social services dept, 1988-92. Ed Nairn Academy; Bodmin Grammar; South Bank Poly; Manchester Univ.

STOCKTON NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 64,380 (66,795)		%Votes
+Cook, F (Lab)	29,726	66.84
Johnston, B (C)	8,369	18.82
Fletcher, S (LD)	4,816	10.83
McConnell, K (Ref)	1,563	3.51
Lab Majority	**21,357**	**48.02**

Total Vote 44,474 Turnout 69.08%
Swing C to Lab 13.47
1992: Total Vote 50,808 (75.77%) - Lab 27,332 (54.01%); C 16,686 (32.93%); LD 6,060 (11.97%); Ind Lab 550 (1.09%); Lab Maj 10,666 (21.08%).

Frank Cook, b Nov 3, 1935. Elected 1983. Member, select cttees on defence, 1992-97; consolidation Bills 1987-91; procedure 1988-92; employment 1983-87; Commons chairmen's panel; advisory cttee on Commons works of art, 1988-. Chair (1989-90) and vice-chair (1988-89), Northern group of Lab MPs; chair, all-party party group for renewable and sustainable energy; all-party landmine eradication group 1996-; UK Eurosolar group; vice-chair, skin group. Was a construction project manager with Capper-Neill International; former teacher, transport manager, gravedigger and Butlins Redcoat. Trustee and unpaid dir, Faithfull Foundation, registered charity. Ed Corby School, Sunderland; De La Salle Coll, Manchester; Inst of Ed, Leeds.

STOCKTON SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 68,470 (65,354)		%Votes
Taylor, D (Lab)	28,790	55.24
+Devlin, T (C)	17,205	33.01
Monck, P (LD)	4,721	9.06
Horner, J (Ref)	1,400	2.69
Lab Majority	**11,585**	**22.23**

Total Vote 52,116 Turnout 76.12%
Swing C to Lab 15.84
1992: Total Vote 51,846 (79.33%) - C 23,331 (45.00%); Lab 18,435 (35.56%); LD 10,080 (19.44%); C Maj 4,896 (9.44%).

Ms Dari Taylor, b Dec 13, 1944. Union officer. Member, Sunderland City Council 1986-; vice-chair, NATFHE, 1970-80; chair, Trade Union Studies and *Information Unit, 1991-95*. Regional education officer, GMB. Member SEA. Ed Ynshir GS; Nottingham and Durham Univs.

STOKE-ON-TRENT CENTRAL
Lab hold

Electorate 64,113 (65,780)		%Votes
*Fisher, M (Lab)	26,662	66.25
Jones, N (C)	6,738	16.74
Fordham, E (LD)	4,809	11.95
Stanyer, P (Ref)	1,071	2.66
Coleman, M (BNP)	606	1.51
Oborski, F (Lib)	359	0.89
Lab Majority	**19,924**	**49.51**

Total Vote 40,245 Turnout 62.77%
Swing C to Lab 9.72
1992: Total Vote 44,643 (67.67%) - Lab 25,897 (58.01%); C 12,477 (27.95%); LD 6,073 (13.60%); NLP 196 (0.44%); Lab Maj 13,420 (30.06%).

Mark Fisher, b Oct 29, 1944. Elected for this seat 1983; contested Leek 1979. Became a Lab spokesman on national heritage and the arts 1993; on Citizen's Charter 1992-93; on the arts 1987-92. Member, select cttee on Treasury and Civil Service, 1983-86. Joint chair, all-party Central Asia party group. Chair, PLP ed, science and arts beckbench cttee, 1984-86; vice-chair, PLP Treasury cttee, 1983-88Lab whip 1985-87. Staffordshire cllr 1981-85. Member, council, Policy Studies Inst, 1989-. Documentary film producer and script writer 1966-75; principal, Tattenhall Centre of Ed, 1975-83. Dep Pro-Chancellor, Keele Univ, 1989-. FRCA 1993.

STOKE-ON-TRENT NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 59,030 (61,250)		%Votes
+Walley, J (Lab)	25,190	65.15
Day, C (C)	7,798	20.17
Jebb, H (LD)	4,141	10.71
Tobin, J (Ref)	1,537	3.98
Lab Majority	**17,392**	**44.98**

Total Vote 38,666 Turnout 65.50%
Swing C to Lab 11.95
1992: Total Vote 45,066 (73.58%) - Lab 24,693 (54.79%); C 15,189 (33.70%); LD 4,718 (10.47%); NLP 466 (1.03%); Lab Maj 9,504 (21.09%).

Ms Joan Walley, b Jan 23, 1949. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on transport 1990-95; Lab frontbench environment team, 1988-90, responsible for environmental protection and conservation. Member, trade and industry select cttee, 1995-97; Commons services cttee 1987-91. Joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee, 1987-88; joint sec, all-party lighting party group, 1991-. Lambeth cllr 1982-86; Swansea cllr 1974-78; Wandsworth cllr 1978-79. Vice-pres, Inst of Environmental Health Officers, 1987-; pres, W Midlands, Home and Water Safety Council, 1990-. With Alcoholics Recovery Project 1970-73Nat Assoc for Care and Resettlement of Offenders 1979-82.

STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 69,968 (72,151)		%Votes
*Stevenson, G (Lab)	28,645	61.95
Scott, S (C)	10,342	22.37
Barnett, P (LD)	4,710	10.19
Adams, R (Ref)	1,103	2.39
Micklem, A (Lib)	580	1.25
Batkin, S (BNP)	568	1.23
Lawrence, B (Nat Dem)	288	0.62
Lab Majority	**18,303**	**39.59**

Total Vote 46,238 Turnout 68.08%
Swing C to Lab 13.28
1992: Total Vote 53,012 (73.47%) - Lab 26,380 (49.76%); C 19,471 (36.73%); LD 6,870 (12.96%); NLP 291 (0.55%); Lab Maj 6,909 (13.03%).

George Stevenson, b Aug 30, 1938. Elected for this seat 1992. MEP for Staffordshire E 1984-94, serving on Euro Parliament cttees on transport, budgets, and agriculture; chair, EP delegation for relations with S Asia, 1989-92; Lab group of MEPs 1987-88. Member, Euro legislation select cttee, 1995-97; agriculture select cttee, 1992-95; chair, PLP agric cttee. Member, all-party British-Tibet party group. Member, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, 1972-86; Staffs County Council 1981-85. Member, TGWU, since 1964, being branch shop steward 1968-84, and chair 1975-81; sponsored by union 1992.

STONE
C hold

Electorate 68,242 (66,426)		%Votes
+Cash, W N P (C)	24,859	46.84
Wakefield, J (Lab)	21,041	39.64
Stamp, B (LD)	6,392	12.04
Winfield, A (Lib)	545	1.03
Grice, D (NLP)	237	0.45
C Majority	**3,818**	**7.19**

Total Vote 53,074 Turnout 77.77%
Swing C to Lab 9.95
1992: Total Vote 55,841 (83.76%) - C 31,156 (55.99%); Lab 16,077 (28.89%); LD 7,554 (13.58%); Other 854 (1.53%); C Maj 15,079 (27.10%).

William Cash, b May 10, 1940. Solicitor. MP for Stafford 1984-97. Founder and chair, European Foundation, 1993-. Member, select cttees on Euro legislation, 1985-97; employment 1989-90; statutory instruments 1986-90; Consolidation Bills 1987-90. Chair, C backbench Euro affairs cttee, 1989-91; vice-chair, C Small Business Bureau, 1984-; joint vice-chair (1988-89) and joint sec (1985-88), C small businesses cttee; sec, C employment cttee, 1986-87; joint vice-chair (1985-87) and sec (1984-85), C constitutional affairs cttee. Chair, all-party alternative and complementary medicine party group, 1989-; joint chair, British-Kenya group; chair (1987-) and sec (1984-87), all-party *British-East* Africa party group. Legal and legislative adviser to Inst of Company Accountants; Ilex Tutorial Services Ltd; consultant to Radcliffe's & Co, solicitors. Dir, Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, 1980-. ed Stonyhurst Coll; Lincoln Coll, Oxford.

STOURBRIDGE
Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,966 (65,947)		%Votes
Shipley, D (Lab)	23,452	47.19
+Hawksley, P W (C)	17,807	35.83
Bramall, C (LD)	7,123	14.33
Quick, P (Ref)	1,319	2.65
Lab Majority	**5,645**	**11.36**

Total Vote 49,701 Turnout 76.50%
Swing C to Lab 10.98
1992: Total Vote 51,003 (77.34%) - C 24,907 (48.83%); Lab 19,519 (38.27%); LD 6,011 (11.79%); Other 566 (1.11%); C Maj 5,388 (10.56%).

Ms Debra Shipley, b June 22, 1957. Author, lecturer. Member, Nat Policy Forum; GMB. Ed Kidderminster HS; Oxford Poly; London Univ.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON
C hold

Electorate 81,434 (77,443)		%Votes
Maples, J (C)	29,967	48.26
Juned, S (LD)	15,861	25.54
Stacey, S (Lab)	12,754	20.54
Hilton, A (Ref)	2,064	3.32
Spilsbury, J (UK Ind)	556	0.90
Brewster, J (NLP)	307	0.49
Marcus, S (SFDC)	306	0.49
Miller, S (ProLife)	284	0.46
C Majority	**14,106**	**22.72**

Total Vote 62,099 Turnout 76.26%
Swing C to LD 5.22
1992: Total Vote 63,348 (81.80%) - C 37,252 (58.81%); LD 16,247 (25.65%); Lab 8,512 (13.44%); Grn 681 (1.08%); Ind C 535 (0.84%); NLP 121 (0.19%); C Maj 21,005 (33.16%).

John Maples, b April 22, 1943. Barrister, chief executive, Saatchi & Saatchi Govt Communications Worldwide, 1992-. MP for Lewisham W 1983-92. Economic Sec to the Treasury 1990-92; Financial Sec to Treasury and then Chief Sec to Treasury 1987-90. Dir, SEP Industrial Holdings plc 1989-90. Former PPS to Norman Lamont, MP. Dep chair, C Party 1994-. Ed Marlborough Coll; Downing Coll, Cambridge; Harvard Business School.

STREATHAM
Lab hold

Electorate 74,509 (71,008)		%Votes
+Hill, K (Lab)	28,181	62.78
Noad, E (C)	9,758	21.74
O'Brien, R (LD)	6,082	13.55
Wall, J (Ref)	864	1.92
Lab Majority	**18,423**	**41.04**

Total Vote 44,885 Turnout 60.24%
Swing C to Lab 15.03
1992: Total Vote 49,772 (70.09%) - Lab 24,585 (49.40%); C 19,114 (38.40%); LD 4,966 (9.98%); Grn 585 (1.18%); Islamic 208 (0.41%); ADS 191 (0.38%); NLP 128 (0.26%); Lab Maj 5,471 (10.99%).

Keith Hill, b July 28, 1943. Won this seat 1992; contested Blaby 1979. Member, transport select cttee, 1992-97; joint vice-chair, London group of Lab MPs, 1995-; ex-sec, PLP transport cttee. Political liaison officer, RMT (formerly NUR), 1976-92; research officer, Lab Party international dept, 1974-76; lecturer in politics, Strathclyde Univ, 1969-73; Belgian Govt scholar, Brussels, 1968-69; research asst in politics, Leicester Univ, 1966-68. *Sponsored by RMT 1992.* Ed City of Leicester Boys' GS; Corpus Christi Coll, Oxford; University Coll of Wales, Aberystwyth.

STRETFORD & URMSTON
Lab hold

Electorate 69,913 (73,507)		%Votes
Hughes, B (Lab)	28,480	58.49
Gregory, J (C)	14,840	30.48
Bridges, J (LD)	3,978	8.17
Dore, C (Ref)	1,397	2.87
Lab Majority	**13,640**	**28.01**

Total Vote 48,695 Turnout 69.65%
Swing C to Lab 9.93
1992: Total Vote 55,019 (74.85%) - Lab 26,925 (48.94%); C 22,443 (40.79%); LD 5,084 (9.24%); Other 567 (1.03%); Lab Maj 4,482 (8.15%).

Ms Beverley Hughes, b March 30, 1950. Probation officer, socal work univ lecturer. Member, Trafford Borough Council, 1986- (council ldr 1995-; Lab group ldr 1992-). Ed Ellesmere Port GS; Manchester and Liverpool Univs.

STROUD
Lab Co-op gain from C

Electorate 77,494 (75,249)		%Votes
Drew, D (Lab Co-op)	28,170	41.97
+Knapman, R (C)	23,260	37.31
Hodgkinson, P (LD)	9,502	15.24
Marjoram, J (Green)	3,415	5.48
Lab Co-op Majority	**2,910**	**4.67**

Total Vote 62,347 Turnout 80.45%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 62,783 (83.43%) - C 29,032 (46.24%); Lab 18,451 (29.39%); LD 13,582 (21.63%); Grn 1,718 (2.74%); C Maj 10,581 (16.85%).

David Drew, b April 13, 1952. Senior lecturer, Bristol Poly. Contested this seat 1992. Treas, Gloucs Lab Party; member, exec, Stroud CLP; Stroud cllr 1987-; Stevenage cllr 1981-82. NATFHE, Nupe. Ed Kingsfield School, Kingswood, Bristol; Nottingham and Birmingham Univs; Bristol Poly.

SUFFOLK CENTRAL & IPSWICH NORTH
C hold

Electorate 70,222 (66,188)		%Votes
+Lord, M N (C)	22,493	42.58
Jones, C (Lab)	18,955	35.88
Goldspink, M (LD)	10,886	20.61
Bennell, S (Ind)	489	0.93
C Majority	**3,538**	**6.70**

Total Vote 52,823 Turnout 75.22%
Swing C to Lab 14.21
1992: Total Vote 53,044 (80.14%) - C 29,610 (55.82%); LD 11,604 (21.88%); Lab 10,980 (20.70%); Other 850 (1.60%); C Maj 18,006 (33.95%).

Michael Lord, b Oct 17, 1938. MP for Suffolk Central 1983-97; contested Manchester Gorton 1979. *Member, select cttee on* Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration 1990-97; on agriculture 1983-84. Member, Commons chairmen's panel; PPS to John MacGregor, Min of State for Agric and then Chief Sec to Treasury, 1984-87. Sec, all-party forestry party group; C backbench forestry sub-cttee, 1983-87. Member, Council of Europe and WEU, 1987-91. Member, Beds County County, 1981-83; N Beds Borough Council 1974-77. Exec cttee, CPA, 1995-. Dir, Palmer Family Trust, 1988-, commercial property co. Arboricultural consultant. Pres, Arboricultural Assoc; party consultant to British Printing Industries Fed. BIM. Ed *William Hulme's GS, Manchester*; Christ's Coll, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK COASTAL
C hold

Electorate 74,219 (70,061)		%Votes
+Gummer, J (C)	21,696	38.57
Campbell, M (Lab)	18,442	32.78
Jones, A (LD)	12,036	21.40
Caulfield, S (Ref)	3,416	6.07
Slade, T (Green)	514	0.91
Kaplan, F (NLP)	152	0.27
C Majority	**3,254**	**5.78**

Total Vote 56,256 Turnout 75.80%
Swing C to Lab 11.97
1992: Total Vote 57,284 (81.76%) - C 30,030 (52.42%); LD 13,325 (23.26%); Lab 13,008 (22.71%); Grn 739 (1.29%); NLP 182 (0.32%); C Maj 16,705 (29.16%).

John Gummer, b Nov 26, 1939. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Eye 1979-83, and for Lewisham W 1970-Feb 1974; contested Greenwich 1964 and 1966. Environment Secretary 1993-97; joined Cabinet in 1989 as Min of Ag, Fish and Food. Chair of C Party 1983-85; Privy Counsellor 1985. Min for Local Govt, with rank of min of state, DoE, 1988-89; Min of State for Ag, Fish and Food, 1985-88; Paymaster General 1984-85; Min of State for Employment 1983-84; employment under sec Jan-Oct 1983; govt whip 1981-83; asst govt whip 1981. Member, joint party ecclesiastical cttee; General Synod, C of E, 1979-92. Writer and broadcaster. Dir, Walsingham Coll (Affiliated Schools) Ltd; guardian, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham; member, advice panel, Templeton Foundation; trustee, Theodore Trust, Open Churches Trust (all unpaid). Ed King's School, Rochester; Selwyn Coll, Cambridge (pres of Union, 1962).

SUFFOLK SOUTH
C hold

Electorate 67,323 (65,382)		%Votes
+Yeo, T (C)	19,402	37.33
Bishop, P (Lab)	15,227	29.30
Pollard, K (LD)	14,395	27.70
de Chair, C (Ref)	2,740	5.27
Holland, A (NLP)	211	0.41
C Majority	**4,175**	**8.03**

Total Vote 51,975 Turnout 77.20%
Swing C to Lab 10.72
1992: Total Vote 52,687 (80.58%) - C 27,036 (51.31%); LD 13,828 (26.25%); Lab 11,504 (21.83%); NLP 319 (0.61%); C Maj 13,208 (25.07%).

Tim Yeo, b March 20, 1945. Elected 1983; contested Bedwelty Feb 1974. Min of State for Environment 1993-94; Under Sec for Environment 1990-93; PPS to Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary and then Foreign Secretary, 1988-90. Member, select cttees on employment 1994-96; social services 1985-88. Capt, party golfing society, 1991-95. Freelance journalist; formerly taught agric in Tanzania. Dir, Univent Ltd, private *nursing homes; Worcester* Engineering Co Ltd, 1975-86; adviser to Greater London Enterprise Ltd. Dir, Spastics Soc, 1980-83, and on its exec council 1984-86. Treas, International Voluntary Service, 1975-78. Ed Charterhouse; Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK WEST
C hold

Electorate 68,638 (67,074)		%Votes
+Spring, R J D (C)	20,081	40.91
Jefferys, M (Lab)	18,214	37.11
Graves, A (LD)	6,892	14.04
Carver, J (Ref)	3,724	7.59
Shearer, A (NLP)	171	0.35
C Majority	**1,867**	**3.80**

Total Vote 49,082 Turnout 71.51%
Swing C to Lab 13.01
1992: Total Vote 52,849 (78.79%) - C 28,455 (53.84%); Lab 12,692 (24.02%); LD 11,283 (21.35%); Other 419 (0.79%); C Maj 15,763 (29.83%).

Richard Spring, b Sept 24, 1946. MP for Bury St Edmunds 1992-97; contested Ashton-under-Lyne 1983. PPS to defence minrs of state 1996-97. Member select cttee on health 1995-96, N Ireland 1994-97, employment 1992-94. PPS to N Ireland sec until 1995. Jt vice-chair, all-party racing and bloodstock industries party group; joint sec drug misuse group. Jt vice-chair, C back-bench arts and heritage cttee 1992-96; sec, C N Ireland cttee 1994-95. *Pres*, arts and heritage cttee, Bow group, 1992-. Unpaid director, Small Business Bureau Ltd. Managing director, Xerox Furman Selz financial services co, 1989-92.

SUNDERLAND NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 64,711 (65,400)		%Votes
+Etherington, W (Lab)	26,067	68.22
Selous, A (C)	6,370	16.67
Pryke, G (LD)	3,973	10.40
Nicholson, M (Ref)	1,394	3.65
Newby, K (Loony)	409	1.07
Lab Majority	**19,697**	**51.55**

Total Vote 38,213 Turnout 59.05%
Swing C to Lab 9.86
1992: Total Vote 44,714 (68.37%) - Lab 26,649 (59.60%); C 12,423 (27.78%); LD 4,895 (10.95%); Lib 747 (1.67%); Lab Maj 14,226 (31.82%).

William Etherington, b July 17, 1941. Elected in 1992. Mbr, select cmtes on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1996-; members' interests, 1992-95; Commons catering cmte, 1995-. Member, NUM, 1963-; vice-pres, NE area of NUM, 1988-92. Full-time NUM official, 1983-93. Fitter at Dawdon Colliery, 1963-83; branch delegate of Durham Mechanics branch, 1973-83, and also served as chair and later sec of branch. Member (unpaid), exec cttee, Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Assocn.

SUNDERLAND SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 67,937 (72,010)		%Votes
+Mullin, C (Lab)	27,174	68.06
Schofield, T (C)	7,536	18.88
Lennox, J (LD)	4,606	11.54
Wilkinson, M A M (UK Ind)	609	1.53
Lab Majority	**19,638**	**49.19**

Total Vote 39,925 Turnout 58.77%
Swing C to Lab 10.52
1992: Total Vote 50,158 (69.65%) - Lab 28,829 (57.48%); C 14,706 (29.32%); LD 5,933 (11.83%); Grn 690 (1.38%); Lab Maj 14,123 (28.16%).

Chris Mullin, b Dec 12, 1947. Journalist and author; was editor of Tribune, 1982-84. Elected for this seat in 1987; contested Kingston upon Thames in Feb 1974; Devon North 1970. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1992-. Chair, PLP civil liberties group, 1992-; sec, all-party Vietnam and Cambodia party groups; chair, Cambodia group. Director (unpaid), Friends of Hanoi Architectural Heritage International Foundation. Author of Error of Judgement, on Birmingham Six. Member, Campaign for Lab Pty Democracy, 1975-83; Labour Co-ordinating Cttee, 1978-82; Lab NEC working pty on media, 1978-82.

SURREY EAST
C hold

Electorate 72,852 (71,659)		%Votes
+Ainsworth, P (C)	27,389	50.11
Ford, B (LD)	12,296	22.50
Ross, D (Lab)	11,573	21.17
Sydney, M (Ref)	2,656	4.86
Stone, A B (UK Ind)	569	1.04
Bartrum, S (NLP)	173	0.32
C Majority	**15,093**	**27.61**

Total Vote 54,656 Turnout 75.02%
Swing C to LD 3.28
1992: Total Vote 58,434 (81.54%) - C 35,676 (61.05%); LD 15,704 (26.87%); Lab 6,135 (10.50%); Grn 919 (1.57%); C Maj 19,972 (34.18%).

Peter Ainsworth, b Nov 16, 1956. Became an asst Govt whip in 1996. Elected in 1992. PPS to Virginia Bottomley, national heritage sec, 1995-96; PPS to Jonathan Aitken when Chief Sec to Treasury, 1994-95. Member, public service select cttee, 1995-96; was also on jt cttee on Consolidation Bills. Former jt sec, C backbench arts and heritage cttee. Former non-exec director, JLI Gp plc, food manufacturing; Gartmore Shared Equity Trust plc; SG Warburg Holdings Ltd; director, SG Warburg Securities Corporate Finance, 1989-92 (asst director, 1987-89); investment analyst, Laing and Cruickshank, stockbrokers, 1981-85; SG Warburg Securities, 1985-87. Wandsworth borough cllr, 1986-94. Member, council of Bow Group, 1984-86.

SURREY HEATH
C hold

Electorate 73,813 (71,492)		%Votes
+Hawkins, N J (C)	28,231	51.59
Newman, D (LD)	11,944	21.83
Jones, S (Lab)	11,511	21.03
Gale, J (Ref)	2,385	4.36
Squire, R P F (UK Ind)	653	1.19
C Majority	**16,287**	**29.76**

Total Vote 54,724 Turnout 74.14%
Swing C to LD 5.41
1992: Total Vote 56,069 (78.43%) - C 35,731 (63.73%); LD 12,977 (23.14%); Lab 6,326 (11.28%); Other 1,035 (1.85%); C Maj 22,754 (40.58%).

Nick Hawkins, b March 27, 1957. MP for Blackpool South, 1992-97; contested Huddersfield 1987. Barrister, Midland and Oxford Circuit, 1979-86. Member, Bar Council, 1988-95. PPS to defence ministers, 1995-96. Member, joint cttee on Consolidation Bills; transport select cttee, 1992-95. Chair, C backbench sports cttee, 1994-; joint vice-chair, all-party insurance and financial services group, 1995-; sec, railways group. Legal adviser, Lloyds Abbey Life 1989-92. Company legal adviser to Access (Joint Credit Card Co Ltd), 1987-89. Party consultant to Building Employers Confed. Research sec, Bow Group, 1990-91; Bow Group campaign director, 1991-92; *elected to group council* 1989, being managing director, Bow Publications Ltd, 1989-90. Ed Bedford Modern School; Lincoln Coll, Oxford; Middle Temple (Harmsworth Scholar); Inns of Court School of Law.

SURREY SOUTH WEST
C hold

Electorate 72,350 (72,920)		%Votes
*Bottomley, V (C)	25,165	44.57
Sherlock, N (LD)	22,471	39.80
Leicester, M (Lab)	5,333	9.45
Clementson, J (Ref)	2,830	5.01
Kirby, J P (UK Ind)	401	0.71
Quintavalle, J (ProLife)	258	0.46
C Majority	**2,694**	**4.77**

Total Vote 56,458 Turnout 78.03%
Swing C to LD 10.13
1992: Total Vote 59,836 (82.06%) - C 35,008 (58.51%); LD 20,033 (33.48%); Lab 3,840 (6.42%); Grn 710 (1.19%); NLP 147 (0.25%); Anglo Sax 98 (0.16%); C Maj 14,975 (25.03%).

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, b March 12, 1948. Appointed National Heritage secretary in 1995; joined Cabinet in 1992 as health sec; health min, 1989-92; Gvt co-chair, Women's nat commission; junior environment min, 1988-89. Elected at 1984 by-election; contested Isle of Wight, 1983. Member, Medical Research Council, 1987-88. Vice-chair, Nat Council of Carers and their Elderly Dependants, 1982-88. Exec member, Church of England Children's Soc, 1978-83. Psychiatric social worker, Brixton and Camberwell child guidance units, 1973-84. Member, court of governors, LSE, 1985-; governor, Ditchley Foundation, 1991-. Wife of Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West and former MP for Eltham. Ed Putney HS; Essex Univ; LSE.

SUSSEX MID
C hold

Electorate 68,784 (70,654)		%Votes
+Soames, A N W (C)	23,231	43.45
Collins, M (LD)	16,377	30.63
Hamilton, M (Lab)	9,969	18.65
Large, T (Ref)	3,146	5.88
Barnett, J V (UK Ind)	606	1.13
Tudway, E (Ind JRP)	134	0.25
C Majority	**6,854**	**12.82**

Total Vote 53,463 Turnout 77.73%
Swing C to LD 8.93
1992: Total Vote 56,728 (80.29%) - C 33,415 (58.90%); LD 16,008 (28.22%); Lab 6,034 (10.64%); Grn 655 (1.15%); Loony 332 (0.59%); PR 209 (0.37%); NLP 75 (0.13%); C Maj 17,407 (30.69%).

Nicholas Soames, b Feb 12, 1948. Equerry to Prince of Wales, 1970-72. MP for Crawley, 1983-97; contested Central Dumbartonshire, 1979. Appointed armed forces min in 1994; junior agriculture, fisheries and food min, 1992-94. PPS to Nicholas Ridley, when environment sec and trade and industry sec, 1987-90; to John Gummer, when employment min and C party chairman, 1984-85. Joint sec, C backbench foreign and Commonwealth affairs cttee, 1985-87. Son of Lord Soames and grandson of Sir Winston Churchill. Was non-exec director, Robert Fraser & Partners, bankers; Tolgate Holdings plc, 1990-92; Abela Holdings (UK), 1989-90; Roche Products Ltd, 1989-92. Asst director, Sedgwick Group, 1976-82. Ed St Aubyn's, Sussex; Eton.

SUTTON AND CHEAM
LD gain from C

Electorate 62,785 (61,022)		%Votes
Burstow, P (LD)	19,919	42.30
*Maitland, Lady O (C)	17,822	37.85
Allison, M (Lab)	7,280	15.46
Atkinson, P (Ref)	1,784	3.79
McKie, S P (UK Ind)	191	0.41
Wright, D (NLP)	96	0.20
LD Majority	**2,097**	**4.45**

Total Vote 47,092 Turnout 75.01%
Swing C to LD 12.94
1992: Total Vote 50,221 (82.30%) - C 27,710 (55.18%); LD 16,954 (33.76%); Lab 4,980 (9.92%); Grn 444 (0.88%); NLP 133 (0.26%); C Maj 10,756 (21.42%).

Paul Burstow, b May 13, 1962. Director, Business Ecologic. Business Link London South. Contested this seat in 1992. Acting political sec, Assoc of LD Cllrs. Member, London regional LD exec; Fed policy cttee, 1988-90. Sutton cllr, 1986- (dep leader, chair, environment cttee, 1988-). Ed Glastonbury HS, Carshalton; South Bank Univ.

SUTTON COLDFIELD
C hold

Electorate 71,864 (72,487)		%Votes
*Fowler, Sir N (C)	27,373	52.24
York, A (Lab)	12,488	23.83
Whorwood, J E (LD)	10,139	19.35
Hope, D (Ref)	2,401	4.58
C Majority	**14,885**	**28.41**

Total Vote 52,401 Turnout 72.92%
Swing C to Lab 10.90
1992: Total Vote 56,780 (78.33%) - C 37,001 (65.17%); LD 10,965 (19.31%); Lab 8,490 (14.95%); NLP 324 (0.57%); C Maj 26,036 (45.85%).

Sir Norman Fowler, b Feb 2, 1938. Conservative Party Chairman, 1992-94; employment sec, 1987-90; social services sec, 1981-87; transport sec, 1981; transport min, 1979-81. Elected for this seat, Feb 1974; MP for Nottingham S, 1970-74. Chief Opposn spokesman on transport, 1976-79; social services, 1975-76; joined shadow cabinet, 1975: a spokesman on home affairs, 1974-75. Non-exec chair, Midland Independent Newspapers, 1991-; Nat House Building Council, *1992-; non-exec* director, Express Newspapers plc; Bardon Group plc, building materials and quarrying. Member of Lloyd's. Journalist on The Times, 1961-70, being its home affairs correspondent, 1966-70. Ed King Edward VI School, Chelmsford; Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

SWINDON NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 65,535 (64,530)		%Votes
Wills, M (Lab)	24,029	49.78
Opperman, G (C)	16,341	33.85
Evemy, M (LD)	6,237	12.92
Goldsmith, G (Ref)	1,533	3.18
Fiskin, A (NLP)	130	0.27
Lab Majority	**7,688**	**15.93**

Total Vote 48,270 Turnout 73.66%
Swing C to Lab 7.08
1992: Total Vote 49,842 (77.24%) - Lab 21,273 (42.68%); C 20,391 (40.91%); LD 7,299 (14.64%); Other 879 (1.76%); Lab Maj 882 (1.77%).

Michael Wills, b May 20, 1952. TV producer since 1980, first with LWT. Former FO diplomat who was policy adviser to Lab Treasury team over VAT on fuel and "Fat cats". Formed Juniper Communications TV co in 1984, producers of economic and current affairs programmes, documentaries and period drama for BBC and Channel 4. Ed Haberdashers Aske's School, Elstree; Cambridge University.

SWINDON SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 70,207 (68,197)		%Votes
Drown, J (Lab)	23,943	46.80
+Coombs, S C (C)	18,298	35.76
Pajak, S (LD)	7,371	14.41
Mackintosh, D (Ref)	1,273	2.49
Charman, R (Route 66)	181	0.35
Buscombe, K (NLP)	98	0.19
Lab Majority	**5,645**	**11.03**

Total Vote 51,162 Turnout 72.87%
Swing C to Lab 14.57
1992: Total Vote 55,802 (81.82%) - C 27,312 (48.94%); Lab 17,209 (30.84%); LD 10,429 (18.71%); Other 642 (1.15%); C Maj 10,103 (18.11%)

Ms Julia Drown, b Aug 23, 1962. NHS accountant. County cllr 1989-96. Member Unison, FoE, Greenpeace, Co-op Party. Ed Hampstead Comp; University Coll, Oxford.

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TAMWORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,205 (65,089)		%Votes
+Jenkins, B (Lab)	25,808	51.77
Lightbown, Lady A (C)	18,312	36.73
Pinkett, J (LD)	4,025	8.07
Livesey, D (Ref)	1,163	2.33
Lamb, C A (UK Ind)	369	*0.74*
Twelvetrees, C (Lib)	177	0.36
Lab Majority	**7,496**	**15.04**

Total Vote 49,854 Turnout 74.18%
Swing C to Lab 12.61
1992: Total Vote 53,113 (81.60%) - C 26,259 (49.35%); Lab 20,804 (39.17%); LD 5,275 (9.93%); Other 825 (1.55%); C Maj 5,405 (10.18%).

Brian Jenkins, b Sept 19, 1942. Won Staffordshire South East in 1996 by-election. Coll lecturer. Joined Unopposed Bills panel. Ldr Tamworth borough cl. Member NATFHE. Ed Aston and Coventry Tech Colls; Coleg Harlech; LSE; Wolverhampton Poly.

TATTON
Ind gain from C

Electorate 63,822 (63,700)		%Votes
Bell, M (Ind)	29,354	60.16
+Hamilton, M N (C)	18,277	37.46
Hill, S (Ind)	295	0.60
Kinsey, S (Ind)	187	0.38
Penhaul, B (Miss Mi	128	0.26
Muir, J (Albion)	126	0.26
Kennedy, M (NLP)	123	0.25
Bishop, D (Byro)	116	0.24
Nicholas, R (Ind)	113	0.23
Price, J (Juice)	73	0.15
Ind Majority	**11,077**	**22.70**

Total Vote 48,792 Turnout 76.45%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 51,842 (81.38%) - C 32,235 (62.18%); Lab 9,870 (19.04%); LD 9,387 (18.11%); FP 350 (0.68%); C Maj 22,365 (43.14%).

Martin Bell, b Aug 31 1938. BBC TV reporter and correspondent 1965-96. E European corr 1993-97 pool TV reporter during Gulf War 1991. BBC reporter 1965-77, diplomatic corr 1977-78, chief Washington corr 1978-89, Berlin corr 1989-93. TV Journalist of the Year 1992. Stood on an 'anti-sleaze' ticket. Ed The Leys, Cambridge; King's Coll, Cambridge.

TAUNTON
LD gain from C

Electorate 79,783 (78,104)		%Votes
Ballard, J (LD)	26,064	42.72
*Nicholson, D (C)	23,621	38.72
Lisgo, E (Lab)	*8,248*	*13.52*
Ahern, B (Ref)	2,760	4.52
Andrews, L (BNP)	318	0.52
LD Majority	**2,443**	**4.00**

Total Vote 61,011 Turnout 76.47%
Swing C to LD 4.60
1992: Total Vote 64,246 (82.26%) - C 29,576 (46.04%); LD 26,240 (40.84%); Lab 8,151 (12.69%); NLP 279 (0.43%); C Maj 3,336 (5.19%).

Mrs Jackie Ballard, b Jan 4 1953. Local govt advisor, former social worker. Contested this seat 1992. Member LD fed policy cttee 1992-95, Council Support Officer to Assoc of LD Cllrs. Somerset county cllr 1993- (deputy ldr 1993-5), formerly S Somerset district cllr. *(ldr 1990-91).*

TEIGNBRIDGE
C hold

Electorate 81,667 (76,740)		%Votes
+Nicholls, P (C)	24,679	39.21
Younger-Ross, R (LD)	24,398	38.76
Dann, S (Lab)	11,311	17.97
Stokes, S A (UK Ind)	1,601	2.54
Banwell, N (Green)	817	1.30
Golding, L (Dream)	139	0.22
C Majority	**281**	**0.45**

Total Vote 62,945 Turnout 77.08%
Swing C to LD 7.34
1992: Total Vote 63,160 (82.30%) - C 31,740 (50.25%); LD 22,192 (35.14%); Lab 8,181 (12.95%); Loony 682 *(1.08%); NLP 365 (0.58%); C Maj 9,548* (15.12%).

Patrick Nicholls, b Nov 14, 1948. Member for this constituency, elected 1983. Solicitor. Under sec for environment Jul-Oct 1990, employment 1987-90. Member select cttees on deregulation 1995-, social security 1990-93. Sec/former jt vice-chair, C backbench legal cttee.vice-chmn of C party 1993-94. Unpaid party rep Nat Ex-Prisoner of War Assocn. Party consultant to Hill and Smith Holdings, party adviser to Wells tailors, British Shops and Stores Assocn. East Devon district cllr, 1980-84. Steward British Boxing Bd of Control 1985-.

TELFORD
Lab hold

Electorate 56,558 (57,194)		%Votes
+Grocott, B (Lab)	21,456	57.81
Gentry, B A R (C)	10,166	27.39
Green, N (LD)	4,371	11.78
Morris, C (Ref)	1,119	3.02
Lab Majority	**11,290**	**30.42**

Total Vote 37,112 Turnout 65.62%
Swing C to Lab 5.47
1992: Total Vote 40,702 (71.16%) - Lab 21,473 (52.76%); C 13,546 (33.28%); LD 5,049 (12.40%); Other 634 (1.56%). Lab Maj 7,927 (19.48%).

Bruce Grocott, b Nov 1, 1940. MP for The Wrekin 1987-97, for Lichfield and Tamworth Oct 1974-79. PPS to Tony Blair 1994, an Opposn spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs 1992-93, deputy shadow Leader of the House and deputy Lab campaigns coordinator 1987-92. Member nat heritage select cttee 1994-95, select cttee on broadcasting 1988-, on overseas development 1978-79. Bromsgrove district cllr 1971-74. Lecturer in politics, Manchester Univ, Birmingham Poly and N Staffordshire Poly, 1964-74, television presenter and producer 1979-87. Member, NUJ. Ed Hemel Hempstead GS, Leicester and Manchester Univs.

TEWKESBURY
C hold

Electorate 68,208 (64,159)		%Votes
Robertson, L (C)	23,859	45.75
Sewell, J (LD)	14,625	28.04
Tustin, K (Lab)	13,665	26.20
C Majority	**9,234**	**17.71**

Total Vote 52,149 Turnout 76.46%
Swing C to LD 0.46
1992: Total Vote 52,586 (81.97%) - C 28,300 (53.81%); LD 18,503 (35.18%); Lab 5,297 (10.07%); Other 486 (0.93%); C Maj 9,797 (18.63%).

Laurence Robertson, b March 29, 1958. Contested Ashfield in 1992 and Makerfield in 1987. Director L A Robertson PR co. Philip Gore (Bolton) Ltd, general trading. Consultant to Church Army charity, Portman House Trust, *Royal Acad of Music, Silverwood* Forestry. Chair Grindleford C Assocn 1991-93.

THANET NORTH
C hold

Electorate 71,112 (71,732)		%Votes
*Gale, R (C)	21,586	44.09
Johnston, I (Lab)	18,820	38.44
Kendrick, P (LD)	5,576	11.39
Chambers, M (Ref)	2,535	5.18
Haines, J E (UK Ind)	438	0.89
C Majority	**2,766**	**5.65**

Total Vote 48,955 Turnout 68.84%
Swing C to Lab 14.06
1992: Total Vote 53,960 (75.22%) - C 30,867 (57.20%); Lab 12,657 *(23.46%)*; LD 9,563 (17.72%); *Grn* 873 (1.62%); C Maj 18,210 (33.75%)

Roger Gale, b Aug 20, 1943. Elected 1983. Member select cttees on home affairs 1990-92, broadcasting 1988-91. PPS to armed forces minr 1992-94Chair 1990-, vice-chair 1987-90 and sec 1985-87 C back-bench media cttee. Chair all-party animal welfare party group. Consultant in media and presentation to Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, Rhone Poulenc Rorer, and Organon UK Ltd, pharmaceutical companies. Former producer Thames TV, director BBC children's TV, producer BBC radio current affairs. Member nat cttee C trade unionists 1979-. Member Equity, NUJ, ACTT. *Ed Hardye's School Dorchester*, Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

THANET SOUTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 62,792 (63,317)		%Votes
Ladyman, S (Lab)	20,777	46.18
+Aitken, J (C)	17,899	39.79
Hewett-Silk, B (LD)	5,263	11.70
Crook, C P (UK Ind)	631	1.40
Wheatley, D (Green)	418	0.93
Lab Majority	**2,878**	**6.40**

Total Vote 44,988 Turnout 71.65%
Swing C to Lab 14.99
1992: Total Vote 48,751 (77.00%) - C 25,222 (51.74%); Lab 13,723 (28.15%); LD 8,936 (18.33%); Grn 870 (1.78%); C Maj 11,499 (23.59%).

Dr Stephen Ladyman, b Nov 6, 1952. Computer scientist. Member of the Fabian Society. Contested Wantage 1987. Ed Liverpool Poly; Strathclyde Univ.

THURROCK
Lab hold

Electorate 71,600 (69,181)		%Votes
*MacKinlay, A (Lab)	29,896	63.32
Rosindell, A R (C)	12,640	26.77
White, J (LD)	3,843	8.14
Compobassi, P (UK Ind)	833	1.76
Lab Majority	**17,256**	**36.55**

Total Vote 47,212 Turnout 65.94%
Swing C to Lab 17.19
1992: Total Vote 54,063 (78.15%) - Lab 24,791 (45.86%); C 23,619 (43.69%); LD 5,145 (9.52%); Pensioners 391 (0.72%); Anti-Fed 117 (0.22%); Lab Maj 1,172 (2.17%).

Andrew MacKinlay, b April 24, 1949. Elected 1992, contested Peterborough 1987, Croydon Central 1983, Surbiton twice in 1974, and London S and Surrey E in 1984 Euro election. Sponsored in 1992 by TGWU. Member transport select cttee 1992-97, jt select cttee on Consolidation Bills 1993-96unopposed Bills panel 1992-97. Jt vice-chair all-party Scout association party group. Treas Friends of European Movement group. Nalgo union official 1972-92. Clerk Surrey county cl 1965-75. Member of Chartered Inst of Secretaries and Administrators. Ed Salesian Coll Chertsey.

TIVERTON & HONITON
C hold

Electorate 75,744 (71,796)		%Votes
+Browning, A F (C)	24,438	41.33
Barnard, J (LD)	22,785	38.53
King, J (Lab)	7,598	12.85
Lowings, S (Ref)	2,952	4.99
Roach, J (Lib)	635	1.07
McIvor, E (Green)	485	0.82
Charles, D (Nat Dem)	236	0.40
C Majority	**1,653**	**2.80**

Total Vote 59,129 Turnout 78.06%
Swing C to LD 8.40
1992: Total Vote 59,554 (82.95%) - C 30,536 (51.27%); LD 18,872 (31.69%); Lab 6,524 (10.95%); Other 3,622 (6.08%); C Maj 11,664 (19.59%).

Mrs Angela Browning, b Dec 4, 1946. Elected MP for Tiverton 1992, contested Crewe and Nantwich 1987. Former self-employed management consultant and director of Small Business Bureau. Parliamentary Sec MAFF in 1994, member Dept of Employment advisory cttee on women's employment 1989-92. Served as nat chair Women into Business. Western Area C Political Centre chair and member nat advisory cttee of CPC. Member Nat Autistic Society, Thomas Hardy Society. Ed *Westwood Girls' GS*, Reading and Bournemouth Colls of Tech.

TONBRIDGE & MALLING
C hold

Electorate 64,798 (64,102)		%Votes
+Stanley, Sir J (C)	23,640	48.02
Withstandley, B (Lab)	13,410	27.24
Brown, K (LD)	9,467	19.23
Scrivenor, J (Ref)	2,005	4.07
Bullen, B (UK Ind)	502	1.02
Valente, G (NLP)	205	0.42
C Majority	**10,230**	**20.78**

Total Vote 49,229 Turnout 75.97%
Swing C to Lab 11.47
1992: Total Vote 51,735 (80.71%) - C 31,462 (60.81%); LD 10,721 (20.72%); *Lab 8,841 (17.09%); Gm 522 (1.01%);* NLP 189 (0.37%); C Maj 20,741 (40.09%).

Sir John Stanley, b Jan 19, 1942. Elected Feb 1974. Minr of State for N Ireland 1987- Armed Forces, MoD 1983-87Minr for Housing, DoE 1979-83, PPS to Mrs Thatcher 1976-79Mbr foreign affairs select cttee 1992-, jt vice-chair all-party group on child abduction 1994-, treas overseas development group, chair British-Korean Republic group. Unpaid trustee Action Aid 1989-. Director Henderson Highland Trust 1990-, Fidelity Japanese Values (both investment trusts). Ed Repton, Lincoln Coll Oxford.

TOOTING
Lab hold

Electorate 66,653 (67,218)		%Votes
*Cox, T (Lab)	27,516	59.68
Hutchings, J (C)	12,505	27.12
James, S (LD)	4,320	9.37
Husband, A (Ref)	829	1.80
Rattray, J (Green)	527	1.14
Boddington, P (BFAIR)	161	0.35
Koene, J (Rights)	94	0.20
Bailey-Bond, D (Dream)	83	0.18
Miller, P (NLP)	70	0.15
Lab Majority	**15,011**	**32.56**

Total Vote 46,105 Turnout 69.17%
Swing C to Lab 12.26
1992: Total Vote 51,088 (76.00%) - Lab *24,601 (48.15%); C 20,494 (40.12%)*; LD 3,776 (7.39%); Lib 1,340 (2.62%); Grn 694 (1.36%); NLP 119 (0.23%); CD 64 (0.13%); Lab Maj 4,107 (8.04%).

Tom Cox, b 1930. Elected for this seat 1983, MP for Wandsworth Tooting 1974-83, for Wandsworth Central 1970-74. Asst govt whip 1974-77, whip 1977-79. Chair all-party built environment party group, member and former officer British Interparliamentary Union group exec, jt vice-chair Commonwealth Parliamentary Assocn UK branch exec, chair Cyprus group, jt vice-chair Austrian, Nepalese, Portuguese and Philippines groups, treas Sudan and Argentina groups, former treas Brazilian group, jt sec Sri Lanka group. Delegate to Cl of Europe and Western European Union 1985-97. Electrician, sponsored 1992 by EETPU. Former Fulham alderman. Ed state schools and London School of Economics.

TORBAY
LD gain from C

Electorate 72,258 (70,746)		%Votes
Sanders, A (LD)	21,094	39.56
*Allason, R (C)	21,082	39.54
Morey, M (Lab)	7,923	14.86
Booth, G H (UK Ind)	1,962	3.68
Cowling, B (Lib)	1,161	2.18
Wild, P (Dream)	100	0.19
LD Majority	**12**	**0.02**

Total Vote 53,322 Turnout 73.79%
Swing C to LD 5.05
1992: Total Vote 57,389 (81.12%) - C 28,624 (49.88%); LD 22,837 (39.79%); Lab 5,503 (9.59%); NF 268 *(0.47%)*; NLP 157 (0.27%); C Maj 5,787 (10.08%).

Adrian Sanders, b April 25, 1959. Funding adviser. Contested this seat 1992, Devon Euro election 1994. Party officer for Lib Dem whips office 1989-90. Worked in Paddy Ashdown's office 1992-93. Political sec Devon and Cornwall Reg Lib Pty 1983-84. NLYL vice-pres 1987. Torbay borough cllr 1984-86Policy Officer of National Council for Voluntary Orgs 1993-94. *Member British Diabetic Assoc.* Ed Torquay Boys' GS.

TOTNES
C hold

Electorate 70,473 (68,071)		%Votes
+Steen, Sir A D (C)	19,637	36.52
Chave, R F (LD)	18,760	34.89
Ellery, V (Lab)	8,796	16.36
Cook, P (Ref)	2,552	4.75
Venmore, C (Loc C)	2,369	4.41
Thomas, H W (UK Ind)	999	1.86
Pratt, A (Green)	548	1.02
Golding, J (Dream)	108	0.20
C Majority	**877**	**1.63**

Total Vote 53,769 Turnout 76.30%
Swing C to LD 6.81
1992: Total Vote 56,541 (83.06%) - C 28,736 (50.82%); LD 20,110 (35.57%); Lab 6,842 (12.10%); Other 853 (1.51%); C Maj 8,626 (15.26%)

Sir Anthony Steen, b 1939. MP South Hams 1983-97, Liverpool Wavertree 1974-83. Barrister, youth leader, social worker, Lloyd's underwriter. PPS to nat heritage sec 1992-94, member environment select cttee 1991-92Chair C back-bench inner cities and urban cttee 1987-94 and 1979-80, C trade and industry deregulation sub-cttee, jt vice- Mbr exec cl Nat Playing Fields Assocn, vice-chair Task Force Trust, vice-pres International Centre of Child Studies. Public affairs, party and legal adviser to board of Airlines of Gt Britain; unpaid adviser to English Vineyards Assocn. Ed Westminster School.

TOTTENHAM
Lab hold

Electorate 66,173 (70,198)		%Votes
*Grant, B (Lab)	26,121	69.28
Scantlebury, A (C)	5,921	15.70
Hughes, N (LD)	4,064	10.78
Budge, P (Green)	1,059	2.81
Tay, E (ProLife)	210	0.56
Anglin, C (WRP)	181	0.48
Kent, T (SEP)	148	0.39
Lab Majority	**20,200**	**53.58**

Total Vote 37,704 Turnout 56.98%
Swing C to Lab 13.44
1992: Total Vote 44,823 (63.85%) - Lab 25,309 (56.46%); C 13,341 (29.76%); LD 5,120 (11.42%); Grn 903 (2.01%); NLP 150 (0.33%); Lab Maj 11,968 (26.70%)

Bernie Grant, b Feb 17, 1944. MP for this seat since 1987. Former jt vice-chair PLP home affairs cttee, jt vice-chair all-party British-Caribbean party group 1989-. Chair Campaign groupp of Lab MPs 1990-92standing conference on race equality in Europe 1990-. African Reparations Movement (UK), 1993-, chair and founder member, party Black Caucus, 1988-. Haringey cllr 1978-85, ldr 1985-87dep ldr 1982-83Development worker black trade unionists solidarity movement, 1983-84member exec cttee anti-apartheid movement 1989-91. Born Guyana, emigrated to UK 1963. Ed St Stanislaus Coll Georgetown, Tottenham Tech Coll, Heriot Watt Univ Edinburgh. Former analyst, British Rail clerk, telephonist and Nupe area officer. Newham senior district housing officer (community relations), 1985-87.

TRURO & ST. AUSTELL
LD hold

Electorate 76,824 (75,799)		%Votes
*Taylor, M (LD)	27,502	48.46
Badcock, N (C)	15,001	26.43
Dooley, M (Lab)	8,697	15.33
Hearn, C (Ref)	3,682	6.49
Hathwaite, A T (UK Ind)	576	1.02
Robinson, D (Green)	482	0.85
Hicks, D (Meb Ker)	450	0.79
Yelland, L (PP)	240	0.42
Boland, P (NLP)	117	0.21
LD Majority	**12,501**	**22.03**

Total Vote 56,747 Turnout 73.87%
Swing C to LD 4.90
1992: Total Vote 61,853 (81.60%) - LD 31,230 (50.49%); C 23,660 (38.25%); Lab 6,078 (9.83%); Grn 569 (0.92%); Lib 208 (0.34%); NLP 108 (0.17%); LD Maj 7,570 (12.24%).

Matthew Taylor, b Jan 3, 1963. MP Truro since 1987 by-election. Member environment select cttee 1995-97. LD spokesman on environment 1994-, on citizen's charter 1992-94, education 1990-*92, trade and industry 1989-90, on* England covering local govt, housing and transport 1988-89Lib then LD spokesman on energy 1987-88. Chair LD communications cttee 1989-92, LD campaigns and communications 1992-94. From 1986-87, economic policy researcher for party Lib Party and research assistant to the late David Penhaligon, MP for Truro 1974-86. Ed St Paul's School, Truro; Treliske School, Truro; Univ Coll School, London; Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (pres, students' union 1985-86).

TUNBRIDGE WELLS
C hold

Electorate 65,259 (66,280)		%Votes
Norman, A (C)	*21,853*	*34.85*
Clayton, T (LD)	14,347	22.88
Warner, P (Lab)	9,879	15.76
Macpherson, T (Ref)	1,858	2.96
Anderson Smart, M (UK Ind)	264	0.42
Levy, P (NLP)	153	0.24
C Majority	**7,506**	**11.97**

Total Vote 62,701 Turnout 96.08%
Swing C to LD 6.79
1992: Total Vote 51,444 (77.62%) - C 28,297 (55.01%); LD 15,151 (29.45%); Lab 7,563 (14.70%); NLP 230 (0.45%); ISS 203 (0.39%); C Maj 13,146 (25.55%).

Archie Norman, b May 1, 1954. Group Chief Executive, ASDA supermarkets, chair 1996-. Member British Railways Board 1992-94; Railtrack Gp Bd, 1994-. DTI deregulation task force. Anglo-German deregulation task force. Consultative cttee Dulwich Picture Gallery 1990-. At various times with Citibank, McKinsey, Woolworth Holdings, Kingfisher, Chartwell Land, Geest. Ed Minnesota Univ, Emmanuel Coll Cambridge, Harvard Business Sch.

TWICKENHAM
LD gain from C

Electorate 73,281 (71,805)		%Votes
Cable, V (LD)	26,237	45.12
+Jessel, T (C)	21,956	37.76
Tutchell, E (Lab)	9,065	15.59
Harrison, J (Ind ECR)	589	1.01
Haggar, T (Dream)	*155*	*0.27*
Hardy, A (NLP)	142	0.24
LD Majority	**4,281**	**7.36**

Total Vote 58,144 Turnout 79.34%
Swing C to LD 8.80
1992: Total Vote 59,811 (83.30%) - C 29,652 (49.58%); LD 23,531 (39.34%); Lab 6,194 (10.36%); NLP 194 (0.32%); DLC 131 (0.22%); Lib 109 (0.18%); C Maj 6,121 (10.23%).

Dr Vincent Cable, b May 9, 1943. Chief economist Shell International. Contested Westminster 1992, this seat 1987, 1983, Glasgow Hillhead for Lab 1970. Previously adviser to Commonwealth Sec-General, dep director Overseas Development Inst, special adviser to John Smith when Sec of State for Trade. Ed Nunthorpe GS York, Trinity Coll Cambridge (Pres of Union), Glasgow Univ. Glasgow city cllr 1971-74.

TYNE BRIDGE
Lab hold

Electorate 61,058 (67,085)		%Votes
+Clelland, D (Lab)	26,767	76.81
Lee, A (C)	3,861	11.08
Wallace, M (LD)	2,785	7.99
Oswald, G (Ref)	919	2.64
Brunskill, E (Soc)	518	1.49
Lab Majority	**22,906**	**65.73**

Total Vote 34,850 Turnout 57.08%
Swing C to Lab 10.53
1992: Total Vote 42,718 (63.68%) - Lab 28,520 (66.76%); C 9,443 (22.11%); LD 4,755 (11.13%); Lab Maj 19,077 (44.66%).

David Clelland, b June 27, 1943, became an Opposn whip in 1995. Elected at 1985 by-election. Member select cttees on energy 1989-90, home affairs 1985-88, Parliamentary Commissioner for administration 1985-87. Chair 1990-97 and jt vice-chair 1988-90 PLP environment cttee, chair PLP regional gvt group 1992-93; jt vice-chair, tertiary education party group. Electrical tester, 1964-81. Member of AEU since 1963, sponsored 1992. Gateshead borough cllr 1972-86, nat sec assoc of cllrs 1981-86.

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ELECTION 97 RESULTS

TYNEMOUTH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,341 (68,616)		%Votes
Campbell, A (Lab)	28,318	55.36
Callanan, J M (C)	17,045	33.32
Duffield, A (LD)	4,509	8.81
Rook, C (Ref)	819	1.60
Rogers, F W (UK Ind)	462	0.90
Lab Majority	**11,273**	**22.04**

Total Vote 51,153 Turnout 77.11%
Swing C to Lab 14.19
1992: Total Vote 55,633 (81.08%) - C 27,056 (48.63%); Lab 23,527 (42.29%); LD 4,507 (8.10%), Grn 543 (0.98%); C Maj 3,529 (6.34%).

Alan Campbell, b July 8, 1957. Head of sixth form and of history at Hurst HS, Ashington. Tynemouth CLP sec and campaign coordinator. Ed Lancaster, Leeds and Northumbria Univs.

TYNESIDE NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 66,449 (68,368)		%Votes
+Byers, S J (Lab)	32,810	72.72
McIntyre, M (C)	6,167	13.67
Mulvenna, T (LD)	4,762	10.55
Rollings, M (Ref)	1,382	3.06
Lab Majority	**26,643**	**59.05**

Total Vote 45,121 Turnout 67.90%
Swing C to Lab 12.06
1992: Total Vote 50,474 (73.83%) - Lab 30,764 (60.95%); C 13,130 (26.01%); LD 6,580 (13.04%); Lab Maj 17,634 (34.94%)

Stephen Byers, b April 13, 1953. MP for Wallsend 1992-97, contested Hexham 1983. Lab spokesman on education and employment, responsible for industrial relations and social chapter, 1996- : Lab whip 1994-95. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1994, joint chair, all-party police party group. Chair, PLP home affairs cttee, 1992-94. North Tyneside cllr 1980-92 (dep leader 1985-92). Chair of ed cttee, Assoc of Metropolitan Authorities, 1990-92; leader, council of local ed authorities, 1990-92. Senior lecturer in law, Newcastle Poly, 1977-92. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed Chester City GS; Chester Coll of FE; Liverpool Poly.

U

UPMINSTER

Lab gain from C

Electorate 57,149 (58,553)		%Votes
Darvill, K (Lab)	19,085	46.19
+Bonsor, Sir N (C)	16,315	39.49
Peskett, P (LD)	3,919	9.48
Murray, T (Ref)	2,000	4.84
Lab Majority	**2,770**	**6.70**

Total Vote 41,319 Turnout 72.30%
Swing C to Lab 15.38
1992: Total Vote 46,385 (79.22%) - C 25,121 (54.16%); Lab 13,964 (30.10%); LD 7,300 (15.74%); C Maj 11,157 (24.05%)

Keith Darvill, b May 28, 1948. Solicitor. Member TGWU, Fabian Society, Co-op Party. Ed Norlingon Sec Mod, East Ham Tech Coll, Thurrock Coll Further Ed, Central London Poly, Coll of Law Chester.

UXBRIDGE

C hold

Electorate 57,497 (59,528)		%Votes
+Shersby, Sir M (C)	18,095	43.56
Williams, D (Lab)	17,371	41.81
Malyan, A (LD)	4,528	10.90
Aird, G (Ref)	1,153	2.78
Leonard, J (Soc)	398	0.96
C Majority	**724**	**1.74**

Total Vote 41,545 Turnout 72.26%
Swing C to Lab 12.82
1992: Total Vote 45,157 (75.86%) - C 25,467 (56.40%); Lab 13,099 (29.01%); LD 5,663 (12.54%); Grn 495 (1.10%); BNP 322 (0.71%); NLP 111 (0.25%); C Maj 12,368 (27.39%).

Sir Michael Shersby, b Feb 17 1933. Elected Hillingdon Uxbridge 1972 by-election. Became party adviser to Police Federation of England and Wales in 1989, jt chmn all-party police party group, member public accounts cttee and standing cttees chairmen's panel since 1983, chair Member exec cttee UK Commonwealth Party Assocn 1988-97, chair all-party British-Falkland Islands party gp 1982-97. Paddington cllr 1959-64; Westminster cllr 1964-71; Dep Lord Mayor 1967-68. Unpaid director World Sugar Research Organisation. Ed John Lyon Sch Harrow-on-the-Hill.

V

VALE OF YORK

C hold

Electorate 70,077 (65,009)		%Votes
McIntosh, A (C)	23,815	44.71
Carter, M (Lab)	14,094	26.46
Hall, A C (LD)	12,656	23.76
Fairclough, C (Ref)	2,503	4.70
Pelton, T (Soc Dem)	197	0.37
C Majority	**9,721**	**18.25**

Total Vote 53,265 Turnout 76.01%
Swing C to Lab 15.62
1992: Total Vote 52,564 (80.86%) - C 31,854 (60.60%); LD 14,626 (27.83%); Lab 5,837 (11.10%); Other 247 (0.47%); C Maj 17,228 (32.78%).

Miss Anne McIntosh, b Sept 20, 1954. MEP for Essex North and Suffolk South since 1994, for Essex North East 1989-94. Became member European Peoples Party bureau in 1994; also the EP transport and tourism cttee 1994- on which she served in the previous Parliament being Cons spokesman from 1992. Spokeswoman on EP rules cttee 1989-95. Co-chair European Transport Safety Cl. Contested Workington in 1987 Westminster general election. Political adviser with European Democratic (Cons) Group in EP, 1983-89Ed Harrogate Coll. Edinburgh Univ. Aarhus Univ Denmark.

VAUXHALL

Lab hold

Electorate 70,402 (67,961)		%Votes
+Hoey, K (Lab)	24,920	63.79
Kerr, K (LD)	6,260	16.02
Bacon, R (C)	5,942	15.21
Driver, I (Soc Lab)	983	2.52
Collins, S (Green)	864	2.21
Headicar, R (SPGB)	97	0.25
Lab Majority	**18,660**	**47.77**

Total Vote 39,066 Turnout 55.49%
Swing LD to Lab 3.05
1992: Total Vote 43,278 (63.68%) - Lab 24,278 (56.10%); C 11,517 (26.61%); LD 6,247 (14.43%); Grn 893 (2.06%); DOS 174 (0.40%); Rev Comm 169 (0.39%); Lab Maj 12,761 (29.49%).

Ms Kate Hoey, b June 21, 1948. MP since 1989 by-election. Lab spokeswoman on citizen's charter and women 1992-93. Member select cttees on broadcasting, 1991-97, social security 1992-97, sec all-party child abduction party group 1991-97, Bosnia group, Croatia group. Member exec cttee UK branch, CPA. Former N Ireland athlete, educational adviser to London First Division football clubs 1985-89, Lecturer Southwark Coll 1972-76, snr lecturer Kingsway Coll 1976-85. Ed Lylehill Primary School; Belfast Royal Acad; Ulster Coll of Physical Ed; City of London Coll.

W

WAKEFIELD

Lab hold

Electorate 73,210 (71,951)		%Votes
+Hinchliffe, D (Lab)	28,977	57.40
Peacock, J (C)	14,373	28.47
Dale, D (LD)	5,656	11.20
Shires, S (Ref)	1,480	2.93
Lab Majority	**14,604**	**28.93**

Total Vote 50,486 Turnout 68.96%
Swing C to Lab 10.58
1992: Total Vote 54,318 (75.49%) - Lab 26,207 (48.25%); C 21,983 (40.47%); LD 6,128 (11.28%); Lab Maj 4,224 (7.78%).

David Hinchliffe, b Oct 14 1948. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on social services and community care 1992-95, member health select cttee 1991-92, jt vice-chair PLP social security cttee 1990-91, vice-chair PLP health and personal social services cttee 1990-92, jt sec all-party Rugby League party gp, 1987-92. Social work tutor, Kirklees 1980-87. Social worker, Leeds, 1968-79. Sponsored in 1992 by Unison. Ed Lawefield Lane Primary Wakefield; Cathedral C of E Sec Mod Wakefield; Leeds Poly; Bradford Univ; Huddersfield Poly.

WALLASEY

Lab hold

Electorate 63,714 (66,595)		%Votes
*Eagle, A (Lab)	30,264	64.61
Wilcock, P (C)	11,190	23.89
Reisdorf, P (LD)	3,899	8.32
Hayes, R (Ref)	1,490	3.18
Lab Majority	**19,074**	**40.72**

Total Vote 46,843 Turnout 73.52%
Swing C to Lab 16.84
1992: Total Vote 54,185 (81.36%) - Lab 26,531 (48.96%); C 22,722 (41.93%); LD 4,177 (7.71%); Grn 650 (1.20%); NLP 105 (0.19%); Lab Maj 3,809 (7.03%).

Ms Angela Eagle, b Feb 17, 1961. Won this seat for Labour in 1992. Member, public accounts cttee 1995-96, select cttees on employment 1992-96, members' interests 1992-95. Jt sec all-party film industry party group. Lab whip 1996, chair PLP employment cttee, chair Tribune group, former jt vice-chair PLP Treasury cttee. Unpaid dir Tribune Publications. Was party liaison officer to Cohse (now Unison) 1987-92. Employed by union as researcher 1984 then nat press officer 1986. Sponsored in 1992 by Unison. Chaired Nat Conference of Lab Women, 1991. Sec Peckham constituency Labour Party 1989-91. Ed Formby HS; St John's Coll, Oxford. Her twin sister Maria is Lab MP for Liverpool Garston.

WALSALL NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 67,587 (69,894)		%Votes
*Winnick, D (Lab)	24,517	56.62
Bird, M (C)	11,929	27.55
O'Brien, T (LD)	4,050	9.35
Bennett, D (Ref)	1,430	3.30
Pitt, M (Ind)	911	2.10
Humphries, A (NF)	465	1.07
Lab Majority	**12,588**	**29.07**

Total Vote 43,302 Turnout 64.07%
Swing C to Lab 10.87
1992: Total Vote 52,193 (74.67%) - Lab 24,387 (46.72%); C 20,563 (39.40%); LD 6,629 (12.70%); NF 614 (1.18%); Lab Maj 3,824 (7.33%).

David Winnick, b June 26, 1933. Elected 1979 this constituency, MP for Croydon South 1966-70. Member select cttee on procedure 1989-92, treasury and civil service 1987-89, home affairs 1983-87, environment 1979-83, race relations and immigration 1969-70. Jt vice-chmn PLP foreign affairs cttee 1985-87 and 1991-97, vice-chair British-Irish inter-party body 1993-97. Chair Tribune Group, 1984-85. Chair UK Immigrants Advisory Service 1984-90. Employed by 1970-79. Willesden cllr 1959-64. Brent cllr 1964-66. Vice-pres Apex 1983-88mbr exec cl 1978-88. Sponsored in 1992 by GMB. Ed sec schools, London School of Economics.

WALSALL SOUTH

Lab hold

Electorate 64,221 (66,338)		%Votes
*George, B (Lab)	25,024	57.87
Leak, L (C)	13,712	31.71
Harris, H (LD)	2,698	6.24
Dent, T (Ref)	1,662	3.84
Meads, L (NLP)	144	0.33
Lab Majority	**11,312**	**26.16**

Total Vote 43,240 Turnout 67.33%
Swing C to Lab 9.91
1992: Total Vote 50,060 (75.46%) - Lab 24,133 (48.21%); C 20,955 (41.86%); LD 4,132 (8.25%); Grn 673 (1.34%); NLP 167 (0.33%); Lab Maj 3,178 (6.35%).

Bruce George, b June 1, 1942. Elected Feb 1974, contested Southport 1970. Member select cttee on defence since 1979. Jt sec all-party social science and policy party group, chair British-Azerbaijan group. Member N Atlantic Assembly 1982-, rapporteur general of political cttee. Editor Jane's Nato Handbook. Visiting lecturer Essex Univ 1985-86, snr lecturer in politics Birmingham Poly 1970-74. Patron Nat Assocn of Widows, vice-pres Psoriasis Assocn, co-founder sec and captain House of Commons Football Club, pres Walsall and District Gilbert and Sullivan Soc. Sponsored in 1992 by GMB union. Ed Mountain Ash GS, Univ Coll of Wales Swansea, Warwick Univ.

WALTHAMSTOW

Lab hold

Electorate 63,818 (66,412)		%Votes
+Gerrard, N (Lab)	25,287	63.13
Andrew, J (C)	8,138	20.32
Jackson, J (LD)	5,491	13.71
Hargreaves, Rev G (Ref)	1,139	2.84
Lab Majority	**17,149**	**42.81**

Total Vote 40,055 Turnout 62.76%
Swing C to Lab 17.87
1992: Total Vote 47,425 (71.41%) - Lab 21,001 (44.28%); C 17,650 (37.22%); LD 7,489 (15.79%); Grn 822 (1.73%); Lib 333 (0.70%); NLP 130 (0.27%); Lab Maj 3,351 (7.07%).

Neil Gerrard, b July 3, 1942. Elected for this seat 1992, contested Chingford 1979. Member select cttees on environment 1995-97, deregulation 1995-97. Sec PLP environment cttee 1995-97, jt vice-chair all-party AIDs party group, home safety group, jt treas greyhound group. Board member Theatre Royal Stratford E, political advisory cttee Inst of Data Processing Management (both unpaid). Waltham Forest cllr 1973-90 (ldr, Lab group 1983-90, ldr of cl 1986-90). Hackney Coll lecturer in computing 1968-92, teacher Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet 1965-68. Member of NATFHE union. Ed Manchester GS; Wadham Coll, Oxford; Chelsea Coll, London.

WANSBECK

Lab hold

Electorate 62,998 (63,232)		%Votes
Murphy, D (Lab)	29,569	65.46
Thompson, J A (LD)	7,202	15.94
Green, P (C)	6,299	13.94
Gompertz, P (Ref)	1,146	2.54
Best, N (Green)	956	2.12
Lab Majority	**22,367**	**49.52**

Total Vote 45,172 Turnout 71.70%
Swing LD to Lab 2.54
1992: Total Vote 50,319 (79.58%) - Lab 30,046 (59.71%); C 11,872 (23.59%); LD 7,691 (15.28%); Grn 710 (1.41%); Lab Maj 18,174 (36.12%).

Denis Murphy, b Nov 2, 1948. An electrician. Ed St Cuthbert's GS; Northumberland Coll.

WANSDYKE

Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,032 (68,742)		%Votes
Norris, D (Lab)	24,117	44.07
Prisk, M (C)	19,318	35.30
Manning, J (LD)	9,205	16.82
Clinton, K (Ref)	1,327	2.42
Hunt, T (UK Ind)	438	0.80
House, P (Loony)	225	0.41
Lincoln, S (NLP)	92	0.17
Lab Majority	**4,799**	**8.77**

Total Vote 54,722 Turnout 79.27%
Swing C to Lab 14.36
1992: Total Vote 59,005 (85.84%) - C 27,852 (47.20%); Lab 16,082 (27.26%); LD 13,921 (23.59%); Grn 1,150 (1.95%); C Maj 11,770 (19.95%).

Dan Norris, b Jan 28, 1960. Child protection social worker and lecturer. Contested this seat 1992, Northavon 1987. Bristol city cllr 1989-. Member of Nupe. Ed Avon Comp; Sussex Univ. Fellow Sussex Univ.

WANTAGE

C hold

Electorate 71,657 (68,237)		%Votes
*Jackson, R (C)	22,311	39.80
Wilson, C (Lab)	16,272	29.03
Riley, J G A (LD)	14,822	26.44
Rising, S (Ref)	1,549	2.76
Kennet, M (Green)	640	1.14
Tolstoy-Miloslavsky, Count N (UK Ind)	465	0.83
C Majority	**6,039**	**10.77**

Total Vote 56,059 Turnout 78.23%
Swing C to Lab 11.98
1992: Total Vote 56,499 (82.80%) - C 30,575 (54.12%); LD 14,102 (24.96%); Lab 10,955 (19.39%); Grn 867 (1.53%); C Maj 16,473 (29.16%).

Robert Jackson, b Sept 24, 1946. Elected 1983, contested Manchester Central 1974. Civil Service min 1992-93, Under Sec for employment 1990-92, for education and science 1987-90. Member, Commons art advisory cttee. Euro MP for Upper Thames 1979-84. Oxford city cllr 1969-71. Chair Swaythling Assured Homes, Exeter Residences, Acton Assured Homes, Leicester Student Accommodation, Nottingham Trent Residences, Martin Engineering Systems. Trustee Elderly Accommodation Counsel. Member British Konigswinter steering cttee. Political adviser to late Lord Soames, Governor of Rhodesia 1980 (served in his private office when he was EC Commission vice-pres 1974-76). Ed Falcon Coll, Bulawayo; St Edmund Hall and All Souls Coll, Oxford (Pres of Union 1967. Fellow 1968-86).

WARLEY

Lab hold

Electorate 59,758 (62,589)		%Votes
+Spellar, J F (Lab)	24,813	63.80
Pincher, C (C)	9,362	24.07
Pursehouse, J (LD)	3,777	9.71
Gamre, K (Ref)	941	2.42
Lab Majority	**15,451**	**39.73**

Total Vote 38,893 Turnout 65.08%
Swing C to Lab 10.47
1992: Total Vote 44,750 (71.50%) - Lab 23,743 (53.06%); C 15,334 (34.27%); LD 5,112 (11.42%); Other 561 (1.25%); Lab Maj 8,409 (18.79%).

John Spellar, b Aug 5, 1947. MP Warley West 1992-97, for Birmingham Northfield 1982-83; contested Birmingham Northfield 1987 and Bromley 1970. Became a Lab spokesman on defence 1995. Sec all-party construction group. Jt treas British-Finland group. Political officer EETPU. EETPU nat official 1976-92, research officer 1969-76. Sponsored in 1992 by EETPU. Ed Bromley Parish Primary; Dulwich Coll; St Edmund Hall, Oxford. Bromley borough cllr 1970-74.

WARRINGTON NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 72,694 (72,455)		%Votes
Jones, H (Lab)	31,827	62.10
Lacey, R (C)	12,300	24.00
Greenhalgh, I (LD)	5,308	10.36
Smith, A (Ref)	1,816	3.54
Lab Majority	**19,527**	**38.10**

Total Vote 51,251 Turnout 70.50%
Swing C to Lab 9.89
1992: Total Vote 55,719 (76.90%) - Lab 29,626 (53.17%); C 19,420 (34.85%); LD 6,307 (11.32%); NLP 366 (0.66%); Lab Maj 10,206 (18.32%).

Ms Helen Jones, b Dec 24, 1954. Solicitor. Contested Shropshire North, 1983; Ellesmere Port and Neston, 1987. Fought Lancashire Central in 1984 Euro election. Former Chester City cllr. Ed Chester College; University Coll, London; Liverpool Univ.

WARRINGTON SOUTH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 72,262 (69,324)		%Votes
Southworth, H (Lab)	28,721	52.14
Grayling, C (C)	17,914	32.52
Walker, P (LD)	7,199	13.07
Kelly, G (Ref)	1,082	1.96
Ross, S (NLP)	166	0.30
Lab Majority	**10,807**	**19.62**

Total Vote 55,082 Turnout 76.23%
Swing C to Lab 12.26
1992: Total Vote 56,249 (81.14%) - C 25,698 (45.69%); Lab 22,945 (40.79%); LD 7,316 (13.01%); NLP 290 (0.52%); C Maj 2,753 (4.89%).

Ms Helen Southworth, b Nov 13, 1956. Contested Wirral South 1992. St Helens borough cllr 1994- (chair leisure cttee, 1994-96). Director of Age Concern St Helens; governor, Age Concern England. Member MSF, Co-op party, Fabian Society. Dir Grosvenor Housing Assoc, non-exec dir St Helens and Knowsley Health Authority. Ed Larkhill Conv School; Lancaster Univ.

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON

Lab gain from C

Electorate 79,374 (77,853)		%Votes
Plaskitt, J (Lab)	26,747	44.51
+Smith, Sir D (C)	23,349	38.86
Hicks, N (LD)	7,133	11.87
Davis, V (Ref)	1,484	2.47
Baptie, P (Green)	764	1.27
Warwick, G (UK Ind)	306	0.51
Gibbs, M (EDP)	183	0.30
McCarthy, R (NLP)	125	0.21
Lab Majority	**3,398**	**5.65**

Total Vote 60,091 Turnout 75.71%
Swing C to Lab 11.98
1992: Total Vote 62,624 (80.44%) - C 31,028 (49.55%); Lab 19,564 (31.24%); LD 10,729 (17.13%); Grn 865 (1.38%); Ind 270 (0.43%); NLP 168 (0.27%); C Maj 11,464 (18.31%).

James Plaskitt, b June 23, 1954. Business consultant, contested Witney 1992. Oxfordshire county cllr 1985-, ldr Lab group 1990-96. Member MSF union, Co-op party, Charter 88. Ed Pilgrim School, Bedford; University Coll, Oxford.

WARWICKSHIRE NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 72,602 (72,314)		%Votes
+O'Brien, M (Lab)	31,669	58.39
Hammond, S (C)	16,902	31.16
Powell, W (LD)	4,040	7.45
Mole, R (Ref)	917	1.69
Cooke, C (UK Ind)	533	0.98
Moorecroft, I (Bert)	178	0.33
Lab Majority	**14,767**	**27.23**

Total Vote 54,239 Turnout 74.71%
Swing C to Lab 12.40
1992: Total Vote 59,862 (82.78%) - Lab 27,577 (46.07%); C 26,124 (43.64%); LD 6,161 (10.29%); Lab Maj 1,453 (2.43%).

Michael O'Brien, b June 19, 1954. Elected this seat 1992, contested it 1987. Solicitor. Member Treasury select cttee 1993-95, jt sec all-party police party group. Lab spokesman on Treasury matters 1995. chair PLP home affairs cttee. Former chair Worcester constituency Lab party. Member of GMB/Apex. Lecturer in law, Colchester Inst, 1981-87. Ed Worcester Tech Coll, North Staffs Poly.

WATFORD

Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,015 (72,192)		%Votes
Ward, C (Lab)	25,019	45.29
Gordon, R (C)	19,227	34.81
Canning, A (LD)	9,272	16.79
Roe, P (Ref)	1,484	2.69
Davis, L (NLP)	234	0.42
Lab Majority	**5,792**	**10.49**

Total Vote 55,236 Turnout 74.63%
Swing C to Lab 12.30
1992: Total Vote 58,535 (81.08%) - C 28,158 (48.11%); Lab 19,896 (33.99%); LD 9,807 (16.75%); Grn 514 (0.88%); NLP 159 (0.27%); C Maj 8,263 (14.12%)

Ms Claire Ward, b May 9 1972. Trainee solicitor. Elstree and Boreham Wood town cllr 1994-, mayor 1996-97Member TGWU, Co-op party, various Lab national policy commissions. Ed Loreto Coll St Albans, Hertfordshire univ, Brunel Univ, Coll of Law, London.

WAVENEY

Lab gain from C

Electorate 75,266 (74,320)		%Votes
Blizzard, R (Lab)	31,846	56.25
+Porter, D (C)	19,393	34.26
Thomas, C (LD)	5,054	8.93
Clark, N (Ind)	318	0.56
Lab Majority	**12,453**	**22.00**

Total Vote 56,611 Turnout 75.21%
Swing C to Lab 14.63
1992: Total Vote 60,321 (81.16%) - C 28,352 (47.00%); Lab 23,976 (39.75%); LD 7,728 (12.81%); NLP 265 (0.44%); C Maj 4,376 (7.25%).

Robert Blizzard, b May 31, 1950. Head of English at local high school. Waveney district cllr, 1987-, and cl ldr and policy chair since 1991). Set up Lowestoft 2000 promotional partnership with town businesses to increase investment and tourism. Ed Culford School, Bury St Edmunds; Birmingham Univ. NUT.

WEALDEN

C hold

Electorate 79,519 (74,245)		%Votes
+Johnson Smith, Sir G (C)	29,417	49.78
Skinner, M D (LD)	15,213	25.74
Levine, N (Lab)	10,185	17.23
Taplin, B (Ref)	3,527	5.97
English, M (UK Ind)	569	0.96
Cragg, P (NLP)	188	0.32
C Majority	**14,204**	**24.03**

Total Vote 59,099 Turnout 74.32%
Swing C to LD 5.32
1992: Total Vote 60,346 (81.28%) - C 37,256 (61.74%); LD 16,328 (27.06%); Lab 5,578 (9.24%); Grn 1,002 (1.66%); NLP 182 (0.30%); C Maj 20,928 (34.68%).

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, b April 16, 1924. Won this seat 1983, MP for E Grinstead 1965-83 and for Holborn and St Pancras S 1959-64. Chair select cttee on members' interests, 1980-95; mbr select cttee on standards and privileges 1995-96Party Sec Civil Service dept 1972-74Defence under-sec, Army, 1971-72Vice-chair C Party 1965-71, jt vice-chair 1922 cttee 1988-, member of exec 1979-. Chair 1988-93 and jt vice-chair 1980-88, C back-bench defence cttee. Jt treas all-party British-American party group, member N Atlantic Assembly 1980- London county cllr 1955-58. Non-exec director Taylor Alden Glengate Holdings) and Monk Dunstone Associates Ed Charterhouse, Lincoln Coll Oxford.

WEAVER VALE

Lab hold

Electorate 66,011 (65,447)		%Votes
+Hall, M T (Lab)	27,244	56.40
Byrne, J (C)	13,796	28.56
Griffiths, N (LD)	5,949	12.32
Cockfield, R (Ref)	1,312	2.72
Lab Majority	**13,448**	**27.84**

Total Vote 48,301 Turnout 73.17%
Swing C to Lab 7.41
1992: Total Vote 51,823 (79.18%) - Lab 25,265 (48.75%); C 18,515 (35.73%); LD 7,506 (14.48%); Other 537 (1.04%); Lab Maj 6,750 (13.03%).

Mike Hall, b Sept 20, 1952. MP for Warrington South 1992-97. Member public accounts cttee 1992-97, chair 1995-97, former jt vice-chair PLP education cttee. Warrington councillor 1979-93 (ldr, 1985-92, chair policy and resources cttee 1985-92), was non-paid director Warrington Borough Transport Ltd and Warrington Coachlines Ltd; chaired Warrington N Lab party 1983-85. Member NUT. Ed St Damian's Sec Mod Ashton-under-Lyne, Ashton-under-Lyne CFE, Stretford Tech Coll, Padgate Coll of HE, N Cheshire Coll, Bangor Univ.

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WELLINGBOROUGH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 74,955 (74,291)		%Votes
Stinchcombe, P (Lab)	24,854	44.15
*Fry, Sir P (C)	24,667	43.82
Smith, P (LD)	5,279	9.38
Ellwood, A (UK Ind)	1,192	2.12
Lowrys, A (NLP)	297	0.53
Lab Majority	**187**	**0.33**

Total Vote 56,289 Turnout 75.10%
Swing C to Lab 9.93
1992: Total Vote 60,502 (81.44%) - C 32,302 (53.39%); Lab 20,486 (33.86%); LD 7,714 (12.75%); C Maj 11,816 (19.53%).

Paul Stinchcombe, b April 25, 1962. Barrister. Camden cllr 1990-94, chair Lab group. Member MSF union, Friends of the Earth, Christian Socialist Movement. Ed Royal GS High Wycombe, Trinity Coll Cambridge, Harvard Law School, Inns of Court Law School.

WELLS

C hold

Electorate 72,178 (70,105)		%Votes
*Heathcoat-Amory, D (C)	22,208	39.39
Gold, P J (LD)	21,680	38.45
Eavis, M (Lab)	10,204	18.10
Phelps, P (Ref)	2,196	3.89
Royse, L (NLP)	92	0.16
C Majority	**528**	**0.94**

Total Vote 56,380 Turnout 78.11%
Swing C to LD 5.29
1992: Total Vote 57,759 (82.39%) - C 28,620 (49.55%); LD 21,971 (38.04%); Lab 6,126 (10.61%); Grn 1,042 (1.80%); C Maj 6,649 (11.51%).

David Heathcoat-Amory, b March 21, 1949. Elected 1983. Paymaster General 1994-96, Foreign min 1993-94deputy govt chief whip 1992-93, energy under sec 1990-92, environment under-sec 1989-92, Govt whip 1989. PPS to Douglas Hurd, Home Sec, 1987-88and to Financial Sec to Treasury, 1985-87. Chartered accountant. Dir Lowman Manufacturing Co; LDT Ltd, property management. Asst finance director, British Technology Group, 1980-83Ed Eton and Oxford.

WELWYN HATFIELD

Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,395 (68,502)		%Votes
Johnson, M (Lab)	24,936	47.08
+Evans, D (C)	19,341	36.51
Schwartz, R (LD)	7,161	13.52
Cox, E (RA)	1,263	2.38
Harold, H (ProLife)	267	0.50
Lab Majority	**5,595**	**10.56**

Total Vote 52,968 Turnout 78.59%
Swing C to Lab 11.05
1992: Total Vote 57,089 (83.34%) - C 27,139 (47.54%); Lab 20,556 (36.01%); LD 9,147 (16.02%); NLP 247 (0.43%); C Maj 6,583 (11.53%).

Ms Melanie Johnson, b Feb 5, 1955. Schools inspector. Contested Cambridgeshire in 1994 Euro-elections. Cambridge City cllr 1981-, JP. Former snr manager Family Health Services Authority. Member Unison, Greenpeace, CND. Ed Clifton HS Bristol; University Coll, London; King's Coll, Cambridge.

WENTWORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 63,951 (65,753)		%Votes
Healey, J (Lab)	30,225	72.34
Hamer, K (C)	6,266	15.00
Charters, J (LD)	3,867	9.26
Battley, A (Ref)	1,423	3.41
Lab Majority	**23,959**	**57.34**

Total Vote 41,781 Turnout 65.33%
Swing C to Lab 5.29
1992: Total Vote 48,108 (73.16%) - Lab 32,989 (68.57%); C 10,490 (21.81%); LD 4,629 (9.62%); Lab Maj 22,499 (46.77%).

John Healey, b Feb 13 1960. TUC Campaigns Director. Member CPAG, Liberty, Amnesty, World Devpt Movement. Ed Lady Lumley's Comp School; Pickering; St Peter's School, Christ's College, Cambridge.

WEST BROMWICH EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 63,401 (67,232)		%Votes
+Snape, P (Lab)	23,710	57.15
Matsell, B (C)	10,126	24.41
Smith, M (LD)	6,179	14.89
Mulley, G (Ref)	1,472	3.55
Lab Majority	**13,584**	**32.74**

Total Vote 41,487 Turnout 65.44%
Swing C to Lab 11.35
1992: Total Vote 49,647 (73.84%) - Lab 23,782 (47.90%); C 18,797 (37.86%); LD 6,591 (13.28%); NF 477 (0.96%); Lab Maj 4,985 (10.04%).

Peter Snape, b Feb 12, 1942. Elected Feb 1974. Lab transport spokesman 1983-92, home affairs 1982-83, defence and disarmament 1979-82. Govt whip 1977-79; asst govt whip 1975-77 Jt chair all-party railways group, all-party Channel Tunnel group, jt vice-chair aerospace group, chair Thai group, jt sec all-party Hungarian group 1996-97. Served on Select Cttee on Channel Tunnel Bill, 1986-87Chair West Midlands group Lab MPs, 1985-97. Bredbury and Romily urban cllr 1971-74. Non-exec director West Midlands Travel plc, a subsidiary of National Express Group. British Rail clerical officer 1970-74goods guard 1967-70, regular soldier 1961-67, rail signalman 1957-61. Sponsored in 1992 by RMT. Ed St Joseph's School Stockport.

WEST BROMWICH WEST

Speaker gain from Lab

Electorate 67,496 (68,115)		%Votes
+Boothroyd, B (Speaker)	23,969	65.32
Silvester, R (Lab Change)	8,546	23.29
Edwards, S (Nat Dem)	4,181	11.39
Speaker Majority	**15,423**	**42.03**

Total Vote 36,696 Turnout 54.37%
No swing calculation possible.
1992: Total Vote 47,277 (69.41%) - Lab 23,937 (50.63%); C 17,763 (37.57%); LD 5,577 (11.80%); Lab Maj 6,174 (13.06%).

Miss Betty Boothroyd, b Oct 8, 1929. Elected Speaker on April 27 1992, the first woman to occupy the chair. In July 1987 she was the first woman Labour MP to be a Deputy Speaker, being appointed second deputy chair of Ways and Means. Lab MP for this seat 1974-92, when elected Speaker. MP for West Bromwich May 1973 to Feb 1974, contested Rossendale 1970, Nelson and Colne by-election 1968, Peterborough 1959, Leicester SE by-election 1957. PC 1992. Member of Commons Chairmen's Panel, 1979-87 and House of Commons Commission, 1983-87. Member Lab NEC, 1981-87, asst govt whip 1974-76. MEP 1975-77. Member BBC Gen Advisory Cl 1987-. Chancellor Open Univ 1994-. Freeman, boroughs of Sandwell and of Kirklees, and of City of London. Ed Dewsbury Coll of Commerce and Art.

WEST HAM

Lab hold

Electorate 57,058 (64,245)		%Votes
+Banks, T L (Lab)	24,531	72.88
MacGregor, M (C)	5,037	14.96
McDonough, S (LD)	2,479	7.36
Francis, K (BNP)	1,198	3.56
Jug, T (Loony)	300	0.89
Rainbow, J (Dream)	116	0.34
Lab Majority	**19,494**	**57.91**

Total Vote 33,661 Turnout 58.99%
Swing C to Lab 14.97
1992: Total Vote 37,487 (58.35%) - Lab 21,717 (57.93%); C 11,229 (29.95%); LD 3,602 (9.61%); Other 939 (2.50%); Lab Maj 10,488 (27.98%).

Tony Banks, b April 8, 1945. MP for Newham North West 1983-97, contested E Grinstead 1970, Newcastle N 1974, Watford 1979. Lab spokesman on London and on transport 1992-93, on social security 1990-91. Member select cttees on treasury and civil service 1986-87, on Procedure 1987-, advisory cttee on works of art. Chair PLP arts sub-cttee until 1990. Greater London cllr for Hammersmith 1970-77, Tooting 1981-86, chair 1985-86. Member London marathon bd. Party adviser to Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph and Theatre Union (Bectu); Musicians' Union; London Beekeepers' Assoc (gets 12 jars of honey a year). Asst gen sec, Assocn of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs 1976-83. Hd of research, AUEW 1969-75. Mbr of and sponsored by TGWU. Board member Nat Theatre 1981-85, English Nat Opera 1981-83, London Festival Ballet 1981-83. Ed Archbishop Tenisons Kennington, York Univ, LSE.

WESTBURY

C hold

Electorate 74,301 (74,489)		%Votes
+Faber, D (C)	23,037	40.59
Miller, J (LD)	16,969	29.90
Small, K (Lab)	11,969	21.09
Hawkins, G (Lib)	1,956	3.45
Hawkings-Byass, N (Ref)	1,909	3.36
Westbury, R (UK Ind)	771	1.36
Haysom, C (NLP)	140	0.25
C Majority	**6,068**	**10.69**

Total Vote 56,751 Turnout 76.38%
Swing C to LD 3.81
1992: Total Vote 60,903 (81.76%) - C 31,821 (52.25%); LD 20,668 (33.94%); Lab 6,457 (10.60%); Lib 1,211 (1.99%); Grn 746 (1.22%); C Maj 11,153 (18.31%).

David Faber, b July 7, 1961. Elected for this seat 1992; contested Stockton N in 1987. PPS to Stephen Dorrell, health sec, 1995-, PPS to Minr of State, Foreign Office, 1994-95Member social security select cttee 1992-, jt vice-chair Westcountry group C MPs, sec C back-bench education cttee 1992-94Party adviser to Chartered Inst of Marketing. Campaigning dept C Central Office, 1985-87personal asst to Jeffrey Archer, C Commons research assistant 1984-85Co-founder and dir Sterling Marketing Ltd marketing consultancy 1987-, chair from 1994. Underwriting mbr of Lloyd's. Ed Summer Fields Oxford, Eton, Balliol Coll, Oxford. Grandson of Harold Macmillan.

WESTMORLAND & LONSDALE

C hold

Electorate 68,389 (67,523)		%Votes
Collins, T (C)	21,470	42.26
Collins, S (LD)	16,949	33.36
Harding, J (Lab)	10,459	20.58
Smith, M (Ref)	1,931	3.80
C Majority	**4,521**	**8.90**

Total Vote 50,809 Turnout 74.29%
Swing C to LD 10.26
1992: Total Vote 52,327 (77.60%) - C 29,775 (56.90%); LD 14,381 (27.48%); Lab 7,898 (15.09%); NLP 273 (0.52%); C Maj 15,394 (29.42%).

Tim Collins, b May 7, 1964. C party dir of communications 1992-95, appointed media consultant to party chair Dr Brian Mawhinney 1995, member of Downing Street policy unit, 1995. Was special adviser to David Hunt at Dept of Environment and to Michard Howard at Environment and Employment. Ed LSE and King's Coll, London.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

LD gain from C

Electorate 72,445 (70,851)		%Votes
Cotter, B (LD)	21,407	40.11
Daly, M E (C)	20,133	37.72
Kraft, D (Lab)	9,557	17.90
Sewell, T (Ref)	2,280	4.27
LD Majority	**1,274**	**2.39**

Total Vote 53,377 Turnout 73.68%
Swing C to LD 5.96
1992: Total Vote 56,305 (79.47%) - C 27,063 (48.07%); LD 21,691 (38.52%); Lab 6,420 (11.40%); Grn 1,131 (2.01%); C Maj 5,372 (9.54%).

Brian Cotter, b Aug 24, 1938. Contested this seat in 1992. Man dir of plastics company. Woking district cllr 1986-90. Member of Charter 88, Amnesty International, Green Lib Dems. Dir Plasticable Ltd (plc). Ed St Benedicts Ealing, Downside School Somerset.

WIGAN

Lab hold

Electorate 64,689 (65,629)		%Votes
+Stott, R (Lab)	30,043	68.56
Loveday, M (C)	7,400	16.89
Beswick, T (LD)	4,390	10.02
Bradborne, A (Ref)	1,450	3.31
Maile, C (Green)	442	1.01
Ayliffe, W (NLP)	94	0.21
Lab Majority	**22,643**	**51.67**

Total Vote 43,819 Turnout 67.74%
Swing C to Lab 8.18
1992: Total Vote 49,526 (75.46%) - Lab 30,028 (60.63%); C 12,538 (25.32%); LD 5,787 (11.68%); Lib 997 (2.01%); NLP 176 (0.36%); Lab Maj 17,490 (35.31%).

Roger Stott, b Aug 7, 1943. Elected for this seat, 1983, MP Westhoughton 1973-83. Member national heritage select cttee 1995, Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1990-94, trade and industry 1987-89, transport 1980-83 and 1984-86; Sec PLP N Ireland cttee, treas NW group Lab MPs. PPS to then Prime Minr, 1976-79. Vice-chair all-party British-Egyptian party group, jt sec Mauritius and Turkish groups, treas Lords and Commons cricket club. Rochdale cllr 1970-74Pres, Bass Wingates Band, since 1980. Telephone engineer 1964-73. Ed Rochdale Tech Coll; Ruskin Coll.

WILTSHIRE NORTH

C hold

Electorate 77,237 (71,312)		%Votes
Gray, J (C)	25,390	43.77
Cordon, S (LD)	21,915	37.78
Knowles, N (Lab)	8,261	14.24
Purves, M (Ref)	1,774	3.06
Wood, A (UK Ind)	410	0.71
Forsyth, J (NLP)	263	0.45
C Majority	**3,475**	**5.99**

Total Vote 58,013 Turnout 75.11%
Swing C to LD 9.33
1992: Total Vote 59,866 (83.95%) - C 33,626 (56.17%); LD 18,866 (31.51%); Lab 6,087 (10.17%); Grn 711 (1.19%); Lib 521 (0.87%); Bastion 55 (0.09%); C Maj 14,760 (24.66%).

James Gray, b Nov 7, 1954. Writer, consultant. Special adviser to John Gummer and Michael Howard, environment secs, 1992-95Contested Ross, Cromarty and Skye in 1992. Director, Westminster Strategy public affairs consultants 1995-, man dir, GNI Freight Futures Ltd, 1985-92; snr manager, GNI Ltd (Futures Brokers), 1989-92, dir Baltic Futures Exchange, 1989-91, Dep chmn Wandsworth Tooting C Assoc 1994-96Saw active service, Hon Artillery Co, and is vice-pres, HAC Saddle Club. Freeman, City of London, 1978. Ed Glasgow HS, Glasgow Univ, Christ Church Oxford.

WIMBLEDON

Lab gain from C

Electorate 64,070 (60,633)		%Votes
Casale, R (Lab)	20,674	20.77
*Goodson-Wickes, C (C)	17,884	17.77
Willott, A (LD)	8,014	8.05
Abid, H (Ref)	993	1.00
Thacker, R (Green)	474	0.48
Davies, S (ProLife)	346	0.35
Kirby, M (Mongolian)	112	0.11
Stacey, G (Dream)	47	0.05
Lab Majority	**2,980**	**2.99**

Total Vote 99,561 Turnout 155.39%
Swing C to Lab 16.35
1992: Total Vote 49,681 (81.94%) - C 26,331 (53.00%); Lab 11,570 (23.29%); LD 10,569 (21.27%); Grn 860 (1.73%); NLP 181 (0.36%); Ind 170 (0.34%); C Maj 14,761 (29.71%).

Roger Casale, b May 22, 1960. University lecturer. Former policy adviser to John Prescott and Tony Blair. Member, Fabian Soc, Labour Movement in Europe. Ed Brasenose College, Oxford; John Hopkins (Bologna).

WINCHESTER

LD gain from C

Electorate 78,884 (75,123)		%Votes
Oaten, M (LD)	26,100	42.06
+Malone, G P (C)	26,098	42.06
Davies, P (Lab)	6,528	10.52
Strand, P (Ref)	1,598	2.58
Huggett, R (Top)	640	1.03
Rumsey, D (UK Ind)	476	0.77
Stockton, P (Loony)	307	0.49
Browne, J (Ind AFE)	307	0.49
LD Majority	**2**	**0.00**

Total Vote 62,054 Turnout 78.68%
Swing C to LD 7.39
1992: Total Vote 63,092 (83.98%) - C 32,604 (51.68%); LD 23,286 (36.91%); Lab 4,734 (7.50%); Ind C 2,468 (3.91%); C Maj 9,318 (14.77%).

Mark Oaten, b March 8, 1964. MD of public relations consultancy. Contested Watford in 1992. Elected first SDP cllr in Watford 1986 and became LD cllr when pty formed and then gp ldr (Cllr 1986-94). Director, Westminster Communications Ltd and Oasis Radio. Ed Greens Sec Modern, Watford; Hertfordshire Poly.

WINDSOR

C hold

Electorate 69,132 (67,546)		%Votes
+Trend, M (C)	24,476	48.20
Fox, C (LD)	14,559	28.67
Williams, A (Lab)	9,287	18.29
McDermott, J (Ref)	1,676	3.30
Bradshaw, P (Lib)	388	0.76
Bigg, E (UK Ind)	302	0.59
Parr, R (Dynamic)	93	0.18
C Majority	**9,917**	**19.53**

Total Vote 50,781 Turnout 73.46%
Swing C to LD 9.31
1992: Total Vote 50,948 (75.43%) - C 26,852 (52.70%); Lab 15,788 (30.99%); LD 7,420 (14.56%); Other 888 (1.74%); C Maj 11,064 (21.72%).

Michael Trend, b April 19, 1952. MP for Windsor and Maidenhead 1992-97, contested London NE in 1989 Euro elections. PPS to Brian Mawhinney when transport sec 1994-95, and health min 1993-94member of Speaker's advisory cttee on works of art, 1993-97. Became a deputy chmn (unpaid) of C party in 1995. Chair, London NE Euro Cl 1985-88, former sec, C Foreign Affairs Forum. Journalist, editor and broadcaster. Consultant to International Distillers and Vintners Ltd, London. Daily Telegraph chief leader writer 1990-92, home editor of The Spectator 1986-90, Member of board, Victoria County History, 1992-. Ed Tormore School, Upper Deal, Kent; Westminster School; Oriel Coll, Oxford; Greek gvt scholar Tornbee Hall 1975-76.

WIRRAL SOUTH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 59,372 (62,103)		%Votes
+Chapman, B (Lab)	24,499	50.94
Byrom, L (C)	17,495	36.38
Gilchrist, P (LD)	5,018	10.43
Wilcox, D (Ref)	768	1.60
Nielsen, J (ProLife)	264	0.55
Mead, G (NLP)	51	0.11
Lab Majority	**7,004**	**14.56**

Total Vote 48,095 Turnout 81.01%
Swing C to Lab 15.41
1992: Total Vote 50,269 (80.94%) - C 25,550 (50.83%); Lab 17,382 (34.58%); LD 6,572 (13.07%); Grn 583 (1.16%); NLP 182 (0.36%); C Maj 8,168 (16.25%).

Ben Chapman, b July 8 1940. Won by-election this constituency Februrary 1997. Consultant, director of own company, formerly regional director of Dept of Trade and Industry, and commercial counsellor, Beijing. Fellow, Institute of Management, Member of board of Heswell Society. Ed Appleby GS.

WIRRAL WEST

Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,908 (63,393)		%Votes
Hesford, S (Lab)	21,035	44.86
*Hunt, D (C)	18,297	39.02
Thornton, J (LD)	5,945	12.68
Wharton, D (Ref)	1,613	3.44
Lab Majority	**2,738**	**5.84**

Total Vote 46,890 Turnout 76.98%
Swing C to Lab 13.78
1992: Total Vote 50,948 (80.37%) - C 26,852 (52.70%); Lab 15,788 (30.99%); LD 7,420 (14.56%); Grn 700 (1.37%); NLP 188 (0.37%); C Maj 11,064 (21.72%).

Stephen Hesford, b May 27, 1957. Barrister. Assistant to Joan Lestor MP, 1992-93. Contested Suffolk South 1992. Member Greenpeace, Fabian Society, CPAG. Ed Urmston GS; Bradford Univ; Central London Poly. Member GMB/Apex.

WITNEY

C hold

Electorate 73,520 (69,746)		%Votes
Woodward, S (C)	24,282	43.05
Hollingsworth, A (Lab)	17,254	30.59
Lawrence, A (LD)	11,202	19.86
Brown, G (Ref)	2,262	4.01
Montgomery, M (UK Ind)	765	1.36
Chapple-Perrie, S (Green)	636	1.13
C Majority	**7,028**	**12.46**

Total Vote 56,401 Turnout 78.72%
Swing C to Lab 13.61
1992: Total Vote 58,370 (83.69%) - C 33,743 (57.81%); LD 13,150 (22.53%); Lab 10,582 (18.13%); Grn 661 (1.13%); NLP 124 (0.21%); FTA 110 (0.19%); C Maj 20,593 (35.28%).

Shaun Woodward, b Oct 26, 1958. Broadcaster and univ lecture: parliamentary lobbyist Nat Consumer Council 1980-82; Director of Communications, C Central Office 1990-92. Chair, Understanding Industry. Professorial Fellow of politics, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University. Ed Bristol GS; Jesus Coll, Cambridge; Kennedy School, Harvard Univ.

WOKING

C hold

Electorate 70,053 (69,318)		%Votes
Malins, H (C)	19,553	38.40
Goldenberg, P (LD)	13,875	27.25
Hanson, C (Lab)	10,695	21.01
Bell, H (Ind C)	3,933	7.72
Skeate, C (Ref)	2,209	4.34
Harvey, M (UK Ind)	512	1.01
Sleeman, D (NLP)	137	0.27
C Majority	**5,678**	**11.15**

Total Vote 50,914 Turnout 72.68%
Swing C to LD 10.44
1992: Total Vote 55,380 (79.86%) - C 32,718 (59.10%); LD 14,987 (27.07%); Lab 7,398 (13.36%); NLP 257 (0.46%); C Maj 17,731 (32.03%).

Humfrey Malins, b July 31, 1945. MP for Croydon NW 1983-92: contested Liverpool Toxteth in both 1974 elections, and Lewisham E 1979. PPS to Virginia Bottomley when Min of State for Health, 1989-92, and to Timothy Renton, Home Office Min of State, and Douglas Hogg, Home Office under sec of State 1987-89. Member select cttees on Broadcasting 1991-92, Statutory Instruments 1991-92, Consolidation Bills 1983-87. Joint vice-chair, C backbench legal cttee 1986-87. Mole Valley cllr 1973-82. Chair, Immigration Advisory Service 1993-. Appointed asst Recorder London Crown Courts 1991, acting Metropolitan stipendiary magistrate 1992. Ed St John's, Leatherhead; Brasenose Coll, Oxford; Guildford Coll of Law.

WOKINGHAM

C hold

Electorate 66,161 (66,150)		%Votes
+Redwood, J (C)	25,086	50.08
Longton, R E (LD)	15,721	31.37
Colling, P (Lab)	8,424	16.81
Owen, P (Loony)	877	1.75
C Majority	**9,365**	**18.69**

Total Vote 50,108 Turnout 75.74%
Swing C to LD 8.71
1992: Total Vote 52,945 (80.04%) - C 32,692 (61.75%); LD 13,575 (25.64%); Lab 5,987 (11.31%); Loony 548 (1.04%); WUWC 143 (0.27%); C Maj 19,117 (36.11%).

John Redwood, b June 15, 1951. MP 1987, joined Cabinet 1993 as Welsh Sec, resigning 1995 to contest party leadership. Local govt minister 1992-93, Trade and Industry minister 1990-92, Minister for corporate affairs, DTI, 1989-90. Head of Mrs Thatcher's policy unit 1984-85; adviser on nationalised industries to Treasury and Civil Service Select cttee, 1981. Non-exec chair 1987-89, deputy chair 1986-87 and director 1985, Norcros plc; investment manager and director, NM Rothschild and Sons 1977-87, and non-exec director, 1987-89; investment adviser Robert Fleming and Co 1973-77. Ed Kent Coll, Canterbury; Magdalen and St Antony's Colls, Oxford; Fellow All Souls Coll, Oxford 1972. Oxfordshire county cllr 1973-77.

WOLVERHAMPTON NORTH EAST

Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 61,642 (63,383)		%Votes
Purchase, K (Lab Co-op)	24,534	59.26
Harvey, D (C)	11,547	27.89
Niblett, B (LD)	2,214	5.35
Hallmark, C (Lib)	1,560	3.77
Muchall, A (Ref)	1,192	2.88
Wingfield, M (Nat Dem)	356	0.86
Lab Co-op Majority	**12,987**	**31.37**

Total Vote 41,403 Turnout 67.17%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 11.90
1992: Total Vote 49,547 (78.17%) - Lab Co-op 24,275 (48.99%); C 20,528 (41.43%); LD 3,657 (7.38%); Lib 1,087 (2.19%); Lab Co-op Maj 3,747 (7.56%).

Ken Purchase, b Jan 8, 1939. Regained this seat for Lab in 1992, contested it 1987. Member trade and industry select cttee 1992-, Commons administration cttee, chair PLP trade and industry cttee 1992-, jt chair all-party exports group. Business development adviser and company sec, Black Country CDA Ltd, 1982-92, previously toolmaker and housing manager. Wolverhampton cllr 1970-90, also served on Wolverhampton district health authority, Wolverhampton and Dist Manpower Bd, DHSS Benefits Tribunal. Ed Springfield sec mod, Wolverhampton Poly. TGWU (ACTS) 1955-. Sponsored in 1992 by Co-op party.

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH EAST

Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 54,291 (57,072)		%Votes
*Turner, D (Lab Co-op)	22,202	63.74
Hanbury, W (C)	7,020	20.16
Whitehouse, R (LD)	3,292	9.45
Stevenson-Platt, T (Ref)	980	2.81
Worth, N (Soc Lab)	689	1.98
Bullman, K (Lib)	647	1.86
Lab Co-op Majority	**15,182**	**43.59**

Total Vote 34,830 Turnout 64.15%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 9.28
1992: Total Vote 40,921 (71.70%) - Lab Co-op 23,215 (56.73%); C 12,975 (31.71%); LD 3,881 (9.48%); Lib 850 (2.08%); Lab Co-op Maj 10,240 (25.02%).

Dennis Turner, b Aug 26, 1942. Elected 1987 for this constituency: member, Select Cttee on Ed, Science and Arts, 1989-94: unopposed Bills panel, 1992-, Lab whip 1993, chair all-party housing cooperatives party group, jt vice-chair, non-profit making clubs group, personal social services group, adult education group. Director, Springvale Co-operative Ltd, sports and social club; Springvale Enterprise Ltd, sports, leisure and ed activities (both unpaid). West Midlands county cllr 1974-86. Wolverhampton borough cllr 1966-. Ed Stonefield Sec Mod Bilston, Bilston CFE. Sponsored in 1992 by Co-op Pty.

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH WEST

Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,482 (68,192)		%Votes
Jones, J (Lab)	24,657	50.40
*Budgen, N W (C)	19,539	39.94
Green, M (LD)	4,012	8.20
Hyde, M (Lib)	713	1.46
Lab Majority	**5,118**	**10.46**

Total Vote 48,921 Turnout 72.48%
Swing C to Lab 9.94
1992: Total Vote 52,679 (77.25%) - C 25,969 (49.30%); Lab 21,003 (39.87%); LD 4,470 (8.49%); Lib 1,237 (2.35%); C Maj 4,966 (9.43%).

Ms Jenny Jones, b Feb 8, 1946. Director of management consultancy. Wolverhampton Borough cllr, 1991-; member Wolverhampton police consultative cttee, former member Wolverhampton Community Health Council.

WOODSPRING

C hold

Electorate 69,964 (68,755)		%Votes
+Fox, L (C)	24,425	44.47
Kirsen, N (LD)	16,691	30.39
Sander, D (Lab)	11,377	20.71
Hughes, R (Ref)	1,614	2.94
Lawson, R (Green)	667	1.21
Glover, A (Ind)	101	0.18
Mears, M (NLP)	52	0.09
C Majority	**7,734**	**14.08**

Total Vote 54,927 Turnout 78.51%
Swing C to LD 3.80
1992: Total Vote 55,360 (80.52%) - C 29,529 (53.34%); LD 17,523 (31.65%); Lab 6,863 (12.40%); Lib 696 (1.26%); Grn 666 (1.20%); NLP 83 (0.15%); C Maj 12,006 (21.69%).

Dr Liam Fox, b Sept 22, 1961. Appointed Under Sec of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1996; a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (Gvt whip), 1995-96; asst Gvt whip, 1994-95. Retained seat for C in 1992; contested Roxburgh and Berwickshire 1987. PPS to Home Sec, 1993-94; Member, Scottish affairs select cttee, 1992; sec, C backbench health cttee, 1992-93; C Westcountry MPs, 1992-93. GP in Beaconsfield, 1987-91; member, Royal Coll of General Practitioners, 1989. Nat vice-chair, Scottish YCs, 1983-84; member, central cttee, Families for Defence, 1987-89. Ed St Bride's HS, East Kilbride; Glasgow Univ (Pres, univ C club, 1982-83).

WORCESTER

Lab gain from C

Electorate 69,234 (63,622)		%Votes
Foster, M (Lab)	25,848	50.07
Bourne, N (C)	18,423	35.69
Chandler, P J (LD)	6,462	12.52
Wood, P (UK Ind)	886	1.72
Lab Majority	**7,425**	**14.38**

Total Vote 51,619 Turnout 74.56%
Swing C to Lab 9.99
1992: Total Vote 52,686 (82.81%) - C 23,960 (45.48%); Lab 21,013 (39.88%); LD 6,890 (13.08%); Grn 521 (0.99%); Brewer 302 (0.57%); C Maj 2,947 (5.59%).

Michael Foster, b Jan 14, 1963. Lecturer in accountancy and finance; former management accountant at Jaguar Cars; trained headteachers in accountancy at Jaguar as part of industry-education compact. Member, Chartered Inst of Management Accountants. School governor, campaigner against toxic waste depot in Worcester.

WORCESTERSHIRE MID

C hold

Electorate 68,381 (63,596)		%Votes
+Luff, P J (C)	24,092	47.41
Smith, D (Lab)	14,680	28.89
Barwick, D (LD)	9,458	18.61
Watson, T (Ref)	1,780	3.50
Ingles, D (UK Ind)	646	1.27
Dyer, A (NLP)	163	0.32
C Majority	**9,412**	**18.52**

Total Vote 50,819 Turnout 74.32%
Swing C to Lab 9.40
1992: Total Vote 50,111 (78.80%) - C 27,535 (54.95%); LD 13,081 (26.10%); Lab 8,832 (17.62%); NLP 663 (1.32%); C Maj 14,454 (28.84%).

Peter Luff, b Feb 18, 1955. MP for Worcester 1992-97, contested Holborn and St Pancras 1987. PPS to Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor 1996- and previously to Tim Eggar, energy and industry min. Member, select cttees on public service 1996-, Welsh affairs 1992-, jt select cttee on Consolidation Bills 1993-. Sec Macleod group, patron C students 1995-. Joint sec, all-party overseas development group, sec ASEAN-British group. Consultant to Lowe Bell Communications, 1989-90 and now adviser to Lowe Bell Political and Lowe Bell Consultants. Head of Edward Heath's private office 1980-82.

WORCESTERSHIRE WEST

C hold

Electorate 64,712 (63,144)		%Votes
+Spicer, Sir W M H (C)	22,223	45.04
Hadley, M (LD)	18,377	37.24
Stone, N (Lab)	7,738	15.68
Cameron, S (Green)	1,006	2.04
C Majority	**3,846**	**7.79**

Total Vote 49,344 Turnout 76.25%
Swing C to LD 8.84
1992: Total Vote 50,510 (79.99%) - C 27,654 (54.75%); LD 14,785 (29.27%); Lab 6,967 (13.79%); Other 1,104 (2.19%); C Maj 12,869 (25.48%).

Sir Michael Spicer, b Jan 22, 1943. MP for Worcestershire S from 1974. PPS to Min of trade and consumer affairs 1979. PPS to Cecil Parkinson 1981, Under-sec transport 1984-87, aviation 1985-87under-sec energy 1987. All-party scientific cttee 1994, chair 1996-. Chair European research group 1994-. Vice-chair C Party 1981-83, dep chair 1983-85. C Research Dept 1966-68; director. Ed Wellington Coll (governor, 1992-); Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge. Has published six novels, contributed to The Sunday Times Business News and Daily Mail.

WORKINGTON

Lab hold

Electorate 65,766 (66,865)		%Votes
+Campbell-Savours, D (Lab)	31,717	64.24
Blunden, R (C)	12,061	24.43
Roberts, P (LD)	3,967	8.03
Donnan, G (Ref)	1,412	2.86
Austin, C (UA)	217	0.44
Lab Majority	**19,656**	**39.81**

Total Vote 49,374 Turnout 75.08%
Swing C to Lab 11.02
1992: Total Vote 54,038 (80.82%) - Lab 29,296 (54.21%); C 19,696 (36.45%); LD 4,028 (7.45%); Loony 819 (1.52%); NLP 199 (0.37%); Lab Maj 9,600 (17.77%).

Dale Campbell-Savours, b Aug 23, 1943. MP for this constituency since 1979. Lab spokesman on agriculture, food and rural affairs 1992-94; on overseas development, cooperation and aid 1991-92. Member select cttees on standards and privileges, 1995-97, agriculture 1994-96, Public Accounts cttee 1982-91, procedure 1982-91, former member cttee on MPs interests. Vice-chair Lab agriculture cttee 1994-95. Director, clock manufacturing company 1971-76. Member, TGWU. Sponsored in 1992 by Unison. Ramsbottom UD cllr 1972-74. Ed Keswick School; Sorbonne.

WORSLEY

Lab hold

Electorate 68,978 (69,186)		%Votes
+Lewis, T (Lab)	29,083	62.17
Garrido, D (C)	11,342	24.24
Bleakley, R (LD)	6,356	13.59
Lab Majority	**17,741**	**37.92**

Total Vote 46,781 Turnout 67.82%
Swing C to Lab 8.12
1992: Total Vote 52,571 (75.99%) - Lab 28,291 (53.81%); C 16,888 (32.12%); LD 6,661 (12.67%); Grn 580 (1.10%); NLP 151 (0.29%); Lab Maj 11,403 (21.69%).

Terry Lewis, b Dec 29, 1935. MP this constituency 1983-. Personnel officer. Select cttee member Consolidation Bills 1993-, members' interests 1992-95, environment 1991-92. Member all-party animal welfare group. Kearsley UDC, 1971-74. Sponsored in 1992 by TGWU. Bolton borough councillor 1975-, educ cttee chair 1982-83. Kearsley UD cllr 1971-74. Ed Mount Carmel School, Salford.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

WORTHING EAST & SHOREHAM

C hold

Electorate 70,771 (71,891)		%Votes
Loughton, T (C)	20,864	40.46
King, M (LD)	15,766	30.57
Williams, M (Lab)	12,335	23.92
McCulloch, J (Ref)	1,683	3.26
Jarvis, R (UK Ind)	921	1.79
C Majority	**5,098**	**9.89**

Total Vote 51,569 Turnout 72.87%
Swing C to LD 3.88

1992: Total Vote 56,128 (78.07%) - C 28,824 (51.35%); LD 18,919 (33.71%); Lab 7,476 (13.32%); Other 909 (1.62%); C Maj 9,905 (17.65%).

Tim Loughton, b May 30, 1962. Director, Fleming Private Asset Management. Contested Sheffield Brightside 1992. dep-chair Battersea C Assoc 1994-, member London area exec cttee 1993-, exec cttee Selsdon group 1994-, Carlton Club political cttee, 1994-, chair Battersea business forum 1994-. Member Sussex Archaeological Soc and Soc of Sussex Downsmen. Ed Priory School, Lewes; Warwick Univ; Clare Coll, Cambridge. English wine and Stock Exchange lecturer.

WORTHING WEST

C hold

Electorate 71,329 (71,764)		%Votes
+Bottomley, P J (C)	23,733	46.14
Hare, C (LD)	16,020	31.14
Adams, J (Lab)	8,347	16.23
John, N (Ref)	2,313	4.50
Cross, T P (UK Ind)	1,029	2.00
C Majority	**7,713**	**14.99**

Total Vote 51,442 Turnout 72.12%
Swing C to LD 9.62

1992: Total Vote 56,303 (78.46%) - C 34,762 (61.74%); LD 15,483 (27.50%); Lab 4,883 (8.67%); Other 1,175 (2.09%); C Maj 19,279 (34.24%).

Peter Bottomley, b July 30 1944. MP for Eltham 1983-97, for Woolwich 1975-83. Economist. Min for agriculture and environment in N Ireland, 1989-90; under sec transport 1986-89, for employment 1984-86. Transport select cttee 1992-97, unopposed Bills panel 1992-97. Jt party ecclesiastical cttee, C backbench media cttee, all-party film industry party group, Parenting Matters group, race and community group. Unpaid adviser to International Fund for Animal Welfare, chair Church of England Children's Society 1983-84. Christian Aid trustee 1978-84. Ed mixed comprehensive Washington DC; Westminster School; Trinity Coll, Cambridge. His wife, Virginia, was heritage sec in the last gvt.

WREKIN, THE

Lab gain from C

Electorate 59,126 (58,103)		%Votes
Bradley, P (Lab)	21,243	46.93
Bruinvels, P N E (C)	18,218	40.24
Jenkins, I C (LD)	5,807	12.83
Lab Majority	**3,025**	**6.68**

Total Vote 45,268 Turnout 76.56%
Swing C to Lab 11.27

1992: Total Vote 48,678 (83.78%) - C 23,259 (47.78%); Lab 15,539 (31.92%); LD 9,391 (19.29%); Grn 489 (1.00%); C Maj 7,720 (15.86%).

Peter Bradley, b April 12, 1953. Director of public affairs consultancy. Westminster city cllr 1986-96, dep Lab gp ldr, 1990-. Ed Abingdon School; Sussex Univ; Occidental Coll, Los Angeles.

WYCOMBE

C hold

Electorate 73,589 (72,794)		%Votes
+Whitney, Sir R (C)	20,890	39.93
Bryant, C (Lab)	18,520	35.40
Bensilum, P (LD)	9,678	18.50
Fulford, A (Ref)	2,394	4.58
Laker, J (Green)	716	1.37
Heath, M (NLP)	121	0.23
C Majority	**2,370**	**4.53**

Total Vote 52,319 Turnout 71.10%
Swing C to Lab 13.64

1992: Total Vote 56,415 (77.50%) - C 30,040 (53.25%); LD 12,982 (23.01%); Lab 12,098 (21.44%); Grn 683 (1.21%); Soc Dem 447 (0.79%); NLP 167 (0.30%); C Maj 17,058 (30.24%).

Sir Ray Whitney, b Nov 28, 1940. MP for Wycombe from 1978 by-election, chairman Cable Corporation. Health under sec DHSS 1985-86, Social Security DHSS Under Sec 1984-85, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Under Sec 1983-84. Chair Positive European group 1993-, Cl for Defence Information 1987-, Mountbatten Community Trust 1987-; C Foreign and *Commonwealth affairs cttee* 1981-83, C backbench employment cttee 1980-83. Public Accounts cttee 1981-83, chair all-party British-Latin American party group 1987-, cable and satellite TV group, hospice group. In diplomatic service: First Sec, Peking 1966-68, head of Chancery Buenos Aires 1969-72, asst head E African Dept, FCO, 1972-73, Dep High Commissioner and Economic Counsellor, Dacca 1973-76; head of information research dept and overseas information dept, FCO 1976-78. Ed Wellingborough Sch; Sandhurst; London Univ; Australian Nat Univ, Canberra.

WYRE FOREST

Lab gain from C

Electorate 73,063 (71,767)		%Votes
Lock, D (Lab)	26,843	48.76
+Coombs, A (C)	19,897	36.14
Cropp, D (LD)	4,377	7.95
Till, W (Ref)	1,956	3.55
Harvey, C (Lib)	1,670	3.03
Millington, J (UK Ind)	312	0.57
Lab Majority	**6,946**	**12.62**

Total Vote 55,055 Turnout 75.35%
Swing C to Lab 13.70

1992: Total Vote 64,827 (90.33%) - C 27,999 (43.19%); Lab 18,414 (28.40%); LD 18,414 (28.40%); C Maj 9,585 (14.79%).

David Lock, b May 2, 1960. Barrister, legal adviser to Labour Party. Wyre Forest dist cllr. Member Amnesty, Oxfam, Society of Lab Lawyers. *Ed Surbiton GS*; St Peter's and Merrow Comp; Woking VI Form Coll; Jesus Coll, Cambridge; Central London Poly; Inns of Court Law School.

WYTHENSHAWE & SALE EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 71,986 (75,738)		%Votes
Goggins, P (Lab)	26,448	58.09
Fleming, P (C)	11,429	25.10
Tucker, V (LD)	5,639	12.38
Stanyer, B (Ref)	1,060	2.33
Flannery, J (Soc Lab)	957	2.10
Lab Majority	**15,019**	**32.98**

Total Vote 45,533 Turnout 63.25%
Swing C to Lab 9.18

1992: Total Vote 54,381 (71.80%) - Lab 26,935 (49.53%); C 18,977 (34.90%); LD 7,889 (14.47%); Other 600 (1.10%); Lab Maj 7,958 (14.63%).

Paul Goggins, b Oct 16, 1953. National Director, Church Action on Poverty; *Salford District Cllr*, 1990-. Member, TGWU, Greenpeace. Chair, UK Poverty Coalition, 1996. Ed St Bede's, Manchester; Manchester Poly.

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YEOVIL

LD hold

Electorate 74,165 (72,802)		%Votes
+Ashdown, P (LD)	26,349	48.75
Cambrook, N (C)	14,946	27.65
Conway, P J (Lab)	8,053	14.90
Beveridge, J (Ref)	3,574	6.61
Taylor, D (Green)	728	1.35
Archer, J (Musician)	306	0.57
Hudson, C (Dream)	97	0.18
LD Majority	**11,403**	**21.10**

Total Vote 54,053 Turnout 72.88%
Swing C to LD 3.17

1992: Total Vote 59,271 (81.41%) - LD 30,634 (51.68%); C 21,890 (36.93%); Lab 5,702 (9.62%); Grn 609 (1.03%); Loony 370 (0.62%); APAKBI 68 (0.11%); LD Maj 8,744 (14.75%).

Paddy Ashdown, b Feb 27, 1941. Won this seat 1983, contested it 1979, elected *LD leader* 1988, LD spokesman on N Ireland 1988-, Lib spokesman on educ and then LD spokesman on educ and science 1987-88Lib spokesman on trade and industry 1983-87. Capt Royal Marines, 1959-71, served with Commando units and Special Boat Service in Far East. Qualified as Chinese (Mandarin) interpreter at MoD Chinese Language School, Hong Kong. First Secretary to UK mission to UN in Geneva, 1971-76; commercial manager's dept Westland Helicopters 1976-78, snr manager Morlands, Yeovil 1978-81, local govt officer Dorset CC 1981-83. Ed Bedford School; Hong Kong Univ.

YORK, CITY OF

Lab hold

Electorate 79,383 (79,127)		%Votes
*Bayley, H (Lab)	34,956	59.91
Mallett, S (C)	14,433	24.74
Waller, A (LD)	6,537	11.20
Sheppard, J (Ref)	1,083	1.86
Hill, M (Green)	880	1.51
Wegener, E G (UK Ind)	319	0.55
Lightfoot, A (Ch Nat)	137	0.23
Lab Majority	**20,523**	**35.18**

Total Vote 58,345 Turnout 73.50%
Swing C to Lab 12.65

1992: Total Vote 64,167 (81.09%) - Lab 31,525 (49.13%); C 25,183 (39.25%); LD 6,811 (10.61%); Grn 594 (0.93%); NLP 54 (0.08%); Lab Maj 6,342 (9.88%).

Hugh Bayley, b Jan 9, 1952. Won York for Labour 1992; contested the seat in 1987. Member, health select cttee 1992-, vice-chair PLP overseas development cttee; joint sec all-party tourism cttee. Camden cllr 1980-86. Research fellow in health economics, York Univ, 1987-92, and social policy lecturer, 1986-87. National officer, Nalgo, 1977-82. Member, York HA, 1988-90. Ed Haileybury School; Bristol and York univs. Founder and gen sec, International Broadcasting Trust, 1982-86.

YORKSHIRE EAST

C hold

Electorate 69,409 (67,185)		%Votes
+Townend, J E (C)	20,904	42.69
Male, I (Lab)	17,567	35.87
Leadley, D (LD)	9,070	18.52
Allerston, R (Soc Dem)	1,049	2.14
Cooper, M (Nat Dem)	381	0.78
C Majority	**3,337**	**6.81**

Total Vote 48,971 Turnout 70.55%
Swing C to Lab 8.65

1992: Total Vote 50,875 (75.72%) - C 25,759 (50.63%); Lab 13,487 (26.51%); LD 11,629 (22.86%); C Maj 12,272 (24.12%).

John Townend, b June 12, 1934. MP Bridlington 1979-97, wine merchant and chartered accountant. Treasury and Civil Service select cttee 1983-92, Commons catering cttee 1991-, employment select cttee 1980-81. Chair 92 group of C MPs 1996-, C backbench finance cttee 1993-. Member UK cttee Euro Research Group. *Hull city cllr 1966-74.* Humberside county cllr 1973-79, chair Humber Bridge Board 1969-71. Member of Lloyd's, vice-chair Surrey Building Soc 1984-93. Ed Hymers Coll, Hull.

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN CENTRAL

Lab hold

Electorate 54,257 (55,882)		%Votes
Doran, F (Lab)	17,745	49.82
Wisely, J (C)	6,944	19.50
Topping, B (SNP)	5,767	16.19
Brown, J (LD)	4,714	13.24
Ferquharson, J (Ref)	446	1.25
Lab Majority	**10,801**	**30.33**

Total Vote 35,616 Turnout 65.64%
Swing C to Lab 8.02

1992: Total Vote 37,762 (67.57%) - Lab 16,269 (43.08%); C 10,872 (28.79%); SNP 6,636 (17.57%); LD 3,985 (10.55%); Lab Maj 5,397 (14.29%).

Frank Doran, b April 13, 1949. Solicitor. MP for Aberdeen S 1987-92; contested Scotland North East 1984 Euro-election. Lab spokesman on energy, 1988-92. GMB. Asst editor, Scottish Legal Action Group bulletin, 1975-78. Ed Ainslie Park Sec; Leith Acad; Dundee Univ.

ABERDEEN NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 54,302 (53,944)		%Votes
Savidge, M (Lab)	18,389	47.87
Adam, B (SNP)	8,379	21.81
Gifford, J (C)	5,763	15.00
Rumbles, M (LD)	5,421	14.11
Mackenzie, A (Ref)	463	1.21
Lab Majority	**10,010**	**26.06**

Total Vote 38,415 Turnout 70.74%
Swing SNP to Lab 6.72

1992: Total Vote 37,586 (69.68%) - Lab 13,189 (35.09%); LD 8,952 (23.82%); SNP 8,443 (22.46%); C 7,002 (18.63%); Lab Maj 4,237 (11.27%).

Malcolm Savidge, b May 9, 1946. Teacher. Contested Kincardine and Deeside 1992, and 1991 by-election; Aberdeen city cllr, 1980- (dep leader, 1992-96). EIS; TGWU. Ed Wallington County GS; Aberdeen Univ; Aberdeen Coll of Ed.

ABERDEEN SOUTH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,490 (60,352)		%Votes
Begg, M A (Lab)	15,541	35.27
Stephen, N R (LD)	12,176	27.63
+Robertson, R (C)	11,621	26.37
Towers, J (SNP)	4,299	9.76
Wharton, R (Ref)	425	0.96
Lab Majority	**3,365**	**7.64**

Total Vote 44,062 Turnout 72.84%
Swing LD to Lab 5.20

1992: Total Vote 44,130 (73.12%) - C 16,487 (37.36%); LD 11,762 (26.65%); Lab 10,545 (23.90%); SNP 5,336 (12.09%); C Maj 4,725 (10.71%).

Ms Anne Begg, b Dec 16, 1955. Teacher. Member, Scottish General Teaching Council. Confined to wheelchair as suffers from rare blood disease; member, board of management, Scottish Physically Handicapped-Able Bodied; Disabled Scot of the Year, 1988.

ABERDEENSHIRE WEST & KINCARDINE

LD gain from C

Electorate 59,123 (55,093)		%Votes
Smith, Sir R (LD)	17,742	41.08
+Kynoch, G (C)	15,080	34.92
Mowatt, J (SNP)	5,639	13.06
Khan, Q (Lab)	3,923	9.08
Ball, S (Ref)	805	1.86
LD Majority	**2,662**	**6.16**

Total Vote 43,189 Turnout 73.05%
Swing C to LD 8.32

1992: Total Vote 42,356 (76.88%) - C 19,123 (45.15%); LD 14,686 (34.67%); SNP 5,280 (12.47%); Lab 2,886 (6.81%); Other 381 (0.90%); C Maj 4,437 (10.48%).

Sir Robert Smith, baronet, b April 15, 1958. Manages family estate in Aberdeenshire. Contested Aberdeen N for SDP/All 1987. Aberdeenshire cllr 1995-. *LD ed* spokesman in Scotland. Member Electoral Reform Soc, European Movement. Ed Merchant Taylors, London; Aberdeen Univ.

AIRDRIE AND SHOTTS

Lab hold

Electorate 57,673 (59,264)		%Votes
+Liddell, H L (Lab)	25,460	61.82
Robertson, K (SNP)	10,048	24.40
Brook, N (C)	3,660	8.89
Wolseley, R (LD)	1,719	4.17
Semple, C (Ref)	294	0.71
Lab Majority	**15,412**	**37.43**

Total Vote 41,181 Turnout 71.40%
Swing Lab to SNP 3.48

1992: Total Vote 44,286 (74.73%) - Lab 27,678 (62.50%); SNP 8,023 (18.12%); C 6,588 (14.88%); LD 1,997 (4.51%); Lab Maj 19,655 (44.38%).

Mrs Helen Liddell, b Dec 6, 1950. Won 1994 Monklands East by-election caused by death of Lab leader, John Smith; contested Fife E Oct 1974. Lab spokesman on Scotland 1995, dealing with education and social work. Chief exec, Business Venture Programme, 1993-94; Scottish secretary, Lab Party, 1977-88; vice-chair, all-party Scottish Opera group, 1996-. Dir, personnel and public affairs, Scottish Daily Record and Sunday Mail (1986) Ltd, 1988-92. Ed St Patrick's HS, Coatbridge; Strathclyde Univ.

ANGUS

SNP hold

Electorate 59,708 (58,889)		%Votes
+Welsh, A P (SNP)	20,792	48.27
Leslie, S (C)	10,603	24.61
Taylor, C (Lab)	6,733	15.63
Speirs, R (LD)	4,065	9.44
Taylor, B (Ref)	883	2.05
SNP Majority	***10,189***	***23.65***

Total Vote 43,076 Turnout 72.14%
Swing C to SNP 11.29

1992: Total Vote 44,110 (74.91%) - SNP 17,274 (39.16%); C 16,801 (38.09%); Lab 5,708 (12.94%); LD 3,878 (8.79%); Other 449 (1.02%); SNP Maj 473 (1.07%).

Andrew Welsh, b April 19, 1944. Vice-Pres of SNP since 1987. Won Angus E 1987; contested it 1983; SNP MP for Angus S, Oct 74-79; contested Dunbartonshire Central Feb 1974. Member, select cttee on Scottish affairs 1992-; members' interests 1990-92. SNP spokesman on trade and industry; SNP whip at Westminster. Joint vice-chair, all-party Scottish housing party group. Exec vice-chair of SNP responsible for local govt 1984-87, and for administration 1979-87. Provost of Angus District Council 1984-87, and Angus cllr 1984-87; Stirling district cllr 1974. SFHEA and EIS. Senior lecturer in business studies and public administration, Angus Tech Coll, Arbroath, 1983-87; lecturer, Dundee Coll of Commerce, 1979-83. Ed Govan HS; Glasgow Univ.

ARGYLL & BUTE

LD hold

Electorate 49,451 (48,436)		%Votes
*Michie, R (LD)	14,359	40.20
MacCormick, N (SNP)	8,278	23.17
Leishman, R (C)	6,774	18.96
Syed, A (Lab)	5,596	15.67
Stewart, M (Ref)	713	2.00
LD Majority	**6,081**	**17.02**

Total Vote 35,720 Turnout 72.23%
Swing SNP to LD 2.86

1992: Total Vote 36,491 (75.34%) - LD 12,739 (34.91%); C 10,117 (27.72%); SNP 8,689 (23.81%); Lab 4,946 (13.55%); LD Maj 2,622 (7.19%).

Mrs Ray Michie, b Feb 4, 1934. Won this seat 1987; contested it 1983 and Argyll 1979; became LD spokesman on Scottish affairs and transport; Lib spokesman on transport and rural environment 1987-88; member, select cttee on Scottish affairs; joint vice-chair, all-party Scotch whisky industry party group. Area speech therapist with Argyll and Clyde Health Board 1977-87; vice-pres, Coll of Speech and Language Therapists, 1989-. Chair, Scottish LDs, 1992-93. Ed Aberdeen HS for Girls; Lansdowne House, Edinburgh; Edinburgh School of Speech Therapy.

AYR

Lab gain from C

Electorate 55,829 (55,307)		%Votes
Osborne, S (Lab)	21,679	48.44
+Gallie, P (C)	15,136	33.82
Blackford, I (SNP)	5,625	12.57
Hamblen, C (LD)	2,116	4.73
Enos, J (Ref)	200	0.45
Lab Majority	**6,543**	**14.62**

Total Vote 44,756 Turnout 80.17%
Swing C to Lab 5.22

1992: Total Vote 45,300 (81.91%) - Lab 19,312 (42.63%); C 17,417 (38.45%); SNP 5,057 (11.16%); LD 3,382 (7.47%); NLP 132 (0.29%); Lab Maj 1,895 (4.18%).

Mrs Sandra Osborne, b Feb 23, 1956. Works for Kilmarnock Women's Aid. S Ayrshire cllr; former Kyle and Carrick cllr. Member, TGWU, Scottish Women's Cttee. Ed Campshill HS, Paisley; Anniesland Coll; Jordanhill Coll; Univ of Strathclyde.

B

BANFF & BUCHAN

SNP hold

Electorate 58,493 (58,015)		%Votes
+Salmond, A (SNP)	22,409	55.77
Frain-Bell, W (C)	9,564	23.80
Harris, M (Lab)	4,747	11.81
Fletcher, N (LD)	2,398	5.97
Buchan, A (Ref)	1,060	2.64
SNP Majority	**12,845**	**31.97**

Total Vote 40,178 Turnout 68.69%
Swing C to SNP 7.93

1992: Total Vote 40,768 (70.27%) - SNP 20,724 (50.83%); C 14,156 (34.72%); Lab 3,501 (8.59%); LD 2,387 (5.86%); SNP Maj 6,568 (16.11%).

Alex Salmond, b Dec 31, 1954. Won this seat 1987. Elected leader of SNP 1990. Member, select cttee on energy. SNP/PC spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, energy, fishing, environment, 1988-. Founder, Scottish Centre for Economic and Social Research. Energy economist with Royal Bank of Scotland, 1980-87; asst economist, Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries, Scotland, 1978-80. Senior vice-convener (dep leader and former senior vice-chair) SNP 1987-90: SNP vice-chair (publicity) 1985-87; member, SNP nat exec, 1981-. Bifu. Ed Linlithgow Acad; St Andrews Univ.

C

CAITHNESS, SUTHERLAND & EASTER ROSS

LD hold

Electorate 41,566 (41,318)		%Votes
+Maclennan, R A R (LD)	10,381	35.59
Hendry, J (Lab)	8,122	27.84
Harper, E (SNP)	6,710	23.00
Miers, T (C)	3,148	10.79
Ryder, C (Ref)	369	1.26
Martin, J (Green)	230	0.79
Carr, M (UK Ind)	212	0.73
LD Majority	**2,259**	**7.74**

Total Vote 29,172 Turnout 70.18%
Swing LD to Lab 10.52

1992: Total Vote 29,610 (71.66%) - LD 13,150 (44.41%); C 6,391 (21.58%); SNP 5,440 (18.37%); Lab 4,629 (15.63%); LD Maj 6,759 (22.83%).

Robert Maclennan, b June 26, 1936. Won Caithness and Sutherland for Lab 1966; joined SDP 1981, retained seat 1983 and 1987, and for LD in 1992. Pres of LDs 1994; party spokesman, national heritage, broadcasting and constitution, 1994-, and previously on home affairs and arts, 1988-94. Leader of SDP 1987-*88 until merger with Libs to form* Social and Lib Dem Party; joint interim leader 1988. SDP spokesman on home and legal affairs and N Ireland 1983-88on Scotland 1982-88and agriculture and fisheries 1982-83. Member, PAC, 1979-; Commons advisory cttee on works of art. Prices and Consumer Protection under sec 1974-79. Joint vice-chair, all-party energy studies group; joint vice-chair, all-party constitutional and party affairs group, 1996-. Dir, Atlantic Tele-Network Inc. Ed Glasgow Acad; Balliol Coll, Oxford; Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Columbia *Univ, New York.*

CARRICK, CUMNOCK & DOON VALLEY

Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 65,593 (67,001)		%Votes
+Foulkes, G (Lab Co-op)	29,398	59.79
Marshall, A (C)	8,336	16.95
Hutchison, C (SNP)	8,190	16.66
Young, D (LD)	2,613	5.31
Higgins, J (Ref)	634	1.29
Lab Co-op Majority	**21,062**	**42.83**

Total Vote 49,171 Turnout 74.96%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 7.22

1992: Total Vote 51,720 (77.19%) - Lab Co-op 27,957 (54.05%); C 13,271 (25.66%); SNP 7,802 (15.09%); LD 2,690 (5.20%); Lab Co-op Maj 14,686 (28.40%).

George Foulkes, b Jan 21, 1942. Won this seat 1983; MP for S Ayrshire 1979-83; contested Edinburgh Pentlands Oct 1974, and Edinburgh W 1970. Became Lab spokesman on overseas development 1994; spokesman on defence, disarmament and arms control 1992-93; foreign and Commonwealth affairs 1985-92; European and Community affairs 1983-85. Chair, all-party world govt group; British-Albania group; vice-chair, British-Canadian group; joint vice-chair, Argentina group; Latin America group; Netherlands group; Spanish group; Venezuela group; treas, Europe group. Joint chair, pensioners' group, 1993-. Joint treas, former joint vice-chair and member, exec cttee, UK branch, CPA, 1987-; member, exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1989-; exec, British-China Centre, 1987-93. Treas, Parliamentarians for Global Action, 1993- (council *member since 1987*). *Dir, Co-op Press Ltd*, 1990-. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed Keith GS, Banffshire; Haberdashers' Aske's; Edinburgh Univ.

CLYDEBANK & MILNGAVIE

Lab hold

Electorate 52,092 (51,276)		%Votes
+Worthington, T (Lab)	21,583	55.22
Yuill, J (SNP)	8,263	21.14
Morgan, N (C)	4,885	12.50
Moody, K (LD)	4,086	10.45
Sanderson, I (Ref)	269	0.69
Lab Majority	***13,320***	***34.08***

Total Vote 39,086 Turnout 75.03%
Swing SNP to Lab 1.14

1992: Total Vote 39,640 (77.31%) - Lab 19,923 (50.26%); C 8,503 (21.45%); SNP 7,319 (18.46%); LD 3,778 (9.53%); NLP 117 (0.30%); Lab Maj 11,420 (28.81%).

Tony Worthington, b Oct 11, 1941. Elected for this seat 1987. Lab spokesman on N Ireland 1995-; on foreign affairs 1993-94; overseas development 1992-93; Scotland 1989-92. Member, home affairs select cttee, 1987-89; joint vice-chair, PLP home affairs cttee, 1987-88. Joint sec, all-party population, reproductive health and development party group, 1989-; sec, refugees group. Chair, Lab campaign for criminal justice, 1987-89. Strathclyde regional cllr 1974-87. Social policy and sociology lecturer, Jordanhill Coll of Ed, Glasgow, 1971-87; Monkwearmouth CFE, Sunderland, 1967-71; HM Borstal, Dover, 1962-66. Chair, overseas programme cttee, Population Concern. Ed City School, Lincoln; LSE; York and Glasgow Univs.

CLYDESDALE

Lab hold

Electorate 63,428 (62,684)		%Votes
*Hood, J (Lab)	23,859	52.54
Doig, A (SNP)	10,050	22.13
Izatt, M (C)	7,396	16.29
Grieve, S (LD)	3,796	8.36
Smith, K (BNP)	311	0.68
Lab Majority	**13,809**	**30.41**

Total Vote 45,412 Turnout 71.60%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.45

1992: Total Vote 48,032 (76.63%) - Lab 21,418 (44.59%); C 11,231 (23.38%); SNP 11,084 (23.08%); LD 3,957 (8.24%); BNP 342 (0.71%); Lab Maj 10,187 (21.21%).

Jimmy Hood, b May 16, 1949. *Miner/coalface engineer.* Elected 1987. Chair, select cttee on Euro legislation, 1992- and of its sub-cttee on road safety 1994. Chair, 1995-, and former vice-chair, Scottish group of Lab MPs; chair, miners party group, 1990-92. Newark and Sherwood district cllr 1979-87. Former miner in Nottingham coalfield; previously at Douglas and Auchlochan collieries. NUM official 1973-85 and member of union nat exec 1990-92; NUM branch pres and sec 1973-84. WEA. Ed Lesmahagow Higher Grade School, Coatbridge; Motherwell Tech Coll; Nottingham Univ.

COATBRIDGE & CHRYSTON

Lab hold

Electorate 52,024 (52,830)		%Votes
+Clarke, T (Lab)	25,697	68.32
Nugent, B (SNP)	6,402	17.02
Wauchope, A (C)	3,216	8.55
Daly, M (LD)	2,048	5.45
Bowsley, B (Ref)	249	0.66
Lab Majority	**19,295**	**51.30**

Total Vote 37,612 Turnout 72.30%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.15

1992: Total Vote 40,215 (78.12%) - Lab 24,843 (61.78%); SNP 6,743 (16.77%); C 6,241 (15.52%); LD 2,388 (5.94%); Lab Maj 18,100 (45.01%).

Tom Clarke, b Jan 10, 1941. MP for Monklands W 1983-97; for Coatbridge-Airdrie 1982-83. Lab spokesman on disabled people's rights 1994; Shadow Cabinet 1992-94 and 1995-97. Chief spokesman on overseas aid 1993-94; Shadow Scottish Sec 1992-93. Member, Scottish select cttee, 1983-87; health select cttee 1991-92; in Lab frontbench health team 1987-90 as spokesman on personal social services; spokesman on Scottish affairs 1987. Sponsored Disabled Persons Act 1986. Coatbridge cllr 1964-74. Provost of Monklands *1964-74. Ed Columba HS*, Coatbridge; Scottish Coll of Commerce.

CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH

Lab hold

Electorate 48,032 (47,155)		%Votes
McKenna, R (Lab)	21,141	58.69
Barrie, C (SNP)	10,013	27.80
Sewell, I (C)	2,441	6.78
Biggam, J (LD)	1,368	3.80
Kara, J (ProLife)	609	1.69
McEwan, K (SSA)	345	0.96
Cook, P (Ref)	107	0.30
Lab Majority	**11,128**	**30.89**

Total Vote 36,024 *Turnout* 75.00%
Swing SNP to Lab 2.91

1992: Total Vote 36,756 (77.95%) - Lab 19,855 (54.02%); SNP 10,640 (28.95%); C 4,143 (11.27%); LD 2,118 (5.76%); Lab Maj 9,215 (25.07%).

Ms Rosemary McKenna, b May 8, 1941. Cumbernauld and Kilsyth district cllr 1984-96 (leader 1984-88; provost 1988-92); North Lanarkshire cllr 1995-. Chair, CLP 1979-85. Pres, COSLA, 1994-96; exec member, Scottish Constitutional Convention. Chair, Scotland Europa Brussels 1995-; member, Cttee of the Regions of the EU. Ed St Augustine's Comp, *Glasgow; Notre Dame Coll of Ed.*

CUNNINGHAME NORTH

Lab hold

Electorate 55,526 (55,490)		%Votes
*Wilson, B (Lab)	20,686	50.30
Mitchell, M (C)	9,647	23.46
Nicoll, K (SNP)	7,584	18.44
Freel, K (LD)	2,271	5.52
McDaid, L (Soc Lab)	501	1.22
Winton, I (Ref)	440	1.07
Lab Majority	**11,039**	**26.84**

Total Vote 41,129 Turnout 74.07%
Swing C to Lab 9.99

1992: Total Vote 42,866 (77.25%) - Lab *17,564 (40.97%); C 14,625 (34.12%);* SNP 7,813 (18.23%); LD 2,864 (6.68%); Lab Maj 2,939 (6.86%).

Brian Wilson, b Dec 13, 1948. Journalist. Won this seat 1987; contested Western Isles 1983, Inverness 1979 and Ross and Cromarty Oct 1974. Joined election planning team led by John Prescott and Peter Mandelson 1996; Lab spokesman on railways 1995-96; trade and industry 1994-95; transport 1992-94; Scotland 1988-92. Member, broadcasting select cttee, 1988-90. Joint sec, all-party Channel Tunnel party group; treas, railways group. Investigative reporter, having written for Glasgow Herald and The Observer, and Scottish football correspondent of The Guardian. Publisher and founding editor, West Highland Free Press, 1972-; dir, West Highland Publishing Co Ltd. Party adviser (unpaid), Scottish Professional Footballers' Assoc. First winner in 1975 of Nicholas Tomalin Memorial Award for outstanding journalism. Member, NUJ; TGWU. Ed Dunoon GS; Dundee Univ; University Coll, Cardiff.

CUNNINGHAME SOUTH

Lab hold

Electorate 49,543 (49,745)		%Votes
*Donohoe, B H (Lab)	22,233	62.73
Burgess, M (SNP)	7,364	20.78
Paterson, P (C)	3,571	10.08
Watson, E (LD)	1,604	4.53
Edwin, K (Soc Lab)	494	1.39
Martlew, A (Ref)	178	0.50
Lab Majority	**14,869**	**41.95**

Total Vote 35,444 Turnout 71.54%
Swing SNP to Lab 6.62

1992: Total Vote 37,191 (74.76%) - Lab 19,687 (52.93%); SNP 9,007 (24.22%); *C 6,070 (16.32%); LD 2,299 (6.18%);* NLP 128 (0.34%); Lab Maj 10,680 (28.72%).

Brian Donohoe, b Sept 10, 1948. Elected 1992. Member, transport select cttee, 1993-97; vice-chair, Scottish group of Lab MPs, 1995-; sec/treas, all-party gardening party group. Nalgo official 1981-92. Ex-convener to Scottish political and ed cttee, AUEW (Tass); sec, Irvine and District Trades Council, 1973-81, and ex-chair of ICI contract draughtsmen's cttee. Chair, Cunninghame Industrial development cttee, 1976-80; N Ayrshire and Arran local health council, *1977-79*. Was apprentice fitter/turner, Alisa shipyard, finishing apprenticeship in drawing office. 1965-69: also worked at Hunterston power station and ICI organic division as draughtsman 1969-81. Ed Patna Waterside and Loudoun Montgomery primary schools; Irvine Royal Acad; Kilmarnock Tech Coll.

D

DUMBARTON

Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 56,229 (57,894)		%Votes
*McFall, J (Lab Co-op)	20,470	49.61
Mackechnie, W (SNP)	9,587	23.23
Ramsay, P (C)	7,283	17.65
Reid, A (LD)	3,144	7.62
Robertson, L (SSA)	283	0.69
Dempster, G (Ref)	255	0.62
Lancaster, R (UK Ind)	242	0.59
Lab Co-op Majority	**10,883**	**26.37**

Total Vote 41,264 Turnout 73.39%
Swing SNP to Lab Co-op 0.58

1992: Total Vote 44,125 (78.22%) - Lab Co-op 19,255 (43.64%); C 13,126 (29.75%); SNP 8,127 (18.42%); LD 3,425 (7.76%); NLP 192 (0.44%); Lab Co-op Maj 6,129 (13.89%).

John McFall, b Oct 4, 1944. Ex-teacher. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on Scotland 1992, responsible for industry and economic affairs; Lab whip 1989-91. Member, defence select cttee, 1988-92; select cttee on sittings of Commons 1991-93; Commons information cttee 1990-97. Joint sec, party and scientific cttee; treas, all-party Scotch whisky industry party group. Joint vice-capt, party golfing society. Visiting prof, Strathclyde Univ graduate *business* school. EIS; GMB; sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Teacher and assistant head at a Glasgow comp 1974-87. Ed St Patrick's primary and sec schools, Dumbarton; Paisley Coll; Strathclyde Univ; OU.

DUMFRIES

Lab gain from C

Electorate 62,759 (63,288)		%Votes
Brown, R (Lab)	23,528	47.51
Stevenson, S J S (C)	13,885	28.04
Higgins, R (SNP)	5,977	12.07
Wallace, N (LD)	5,487	11.08
Parker, D (Ref)	533	1.08
Hunter, E (NLP)	117	0.24
Lab Majority	**9,643**	**19.47**

Total Vote 49,527 Turnout 78.92%
Swing C to Lab 16.49

1992: Total Vote 50,112 (79.21%) - C 21,597 (43.10%); Lab 14,831 (29.60%); SNP 7,411 (14.79%); LD 5,854 (11.68%); Ind Green 312 (0.62%); NLP 107 (0.21%); C Maj 6,766 (13.50%).

Russell Brown, b Sept 17, 1951. Process operator. Leader of Lab group in new UA. Led initiative to introduce free travel on public transport for senior citizens in partnership with private bus companies. Ed Annan Acad.

DUNDEE EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 58,388 (61,286)		%Votes
+McAllion, J (Lab)	20,718	51.12
Robison, S (SNP)	10,757	26.54
Mackie, B (C)	6,397	15.78
Saluja, G (LD)	1,677	4.14
Galloway, E (Ref)	601	1.48
Duke, H (SSA)	232	0.57
MacKenzie, S (NLP)	146	0.36
Lab Majority	**9,961**	**24.58**

Total Vote 40,528 Turnout 69.41%
Swing SNP to Lab 6.16

1992: Total Vote 44,999 (73.42%) - Lab 19,954 (44.34%); SNP 14,437 (32.08%); C 8,297 (18.44%); LD 1,939 (4.31%); Grn 295 (0.66%); NLP 77 (0.17%); Lab Maj 5,517 (12.26%).

John McAllion, b Feb 13, 1948. Ex-teacher. Won this seat 1987. Lab spokesman on Scotland 1994-96, when he resigned over decision to hold referendum on devolved Scottish parliament; member, Euro legislation select cttee, 1996-97; energy select cttee 1989-92; chair and campaign officer (1989-90) and vice-chair (1988-89), Scottish group of Lab MPs; chair, all-party Scottish housing party group; sec, Scotch whisky industry group, 1987-97. Party consultant to PTC, formerly Nat Union of Civil and Public Servants (fees to CLP). Tayside cllr 1984-87; convener 1986-87. Member, GMB. History and social studies teacher in Dundee 1973-82. Ed St Augustine's Comp, Glasgow; St Andrews Univ; Dundee Coll of Ed.

DUNDEE WEST

Lab hold

Electorate 57,346 (60,352)		%Votes
+Ross, E (Lab)	20,875	53.79
Dorward, J (SNP)	9,016	23.23
Powrie, N (C)	5,105	13.15
Dick, E (LD)	2,972	7.66
Ward, M (SSA)	428	1.10
MacMillan, J (Ref)	411	1.06
Lab Majority	**11,859**	**30.56**

Total Vote 38,807 Turnout 67.67%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.73

1992: Total Vote 40,955 (67.86%) - Lab 19,520 (47.66%); SNP 10,056 (24.55%); C 7,717 (18.84%); LD 3,071 (7.50%); Grn 432 (1.05%); NLP 159 (0.39%); Lab Maj 9,464 (23.11%).

Ernie Ross, b July 27, 1942. Elected 1979. Member, standards and privileges select cttee, 1996-97; education and employment select cttee and chair of its sub-cttee 1996-97; employment select cttee 1987-96; standing orders and unopposed Bills panel select cttee 1981-97. Court of Referees 1987-97. Chair, PLP foreign affairs cttee, 1987-97; joint vice-chair, PLP trade and industry cttee, 1987-88; chair (1988-89) and vice-chair (1987-88) Scottish group of Lab MPs. Chair, all-party British-Palestine party group; vice-chair, Anglo-Tunisian group; sec, Bangladesh and Cuban groups; sec, space cttee. Member, exec cttee, British group, IPU 1991-94. Unpaid member, board of governors, Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Formerly quality control engineer with Timex. Ed St Joseph's and St Mary's Primary; St John's Junior Sec, Dundee.

DUNFERMLINE EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 52,072 (50,674)		%Votes
+Brown, G (Lab)	24,441	66.81
Ramage, J (SNP)	5,690	15.55
Mitchell, I (C)	3,656	9.99
Tolson, J (LD)	2,164	5.92
Dunsmore, T (Ref)	632	1.73
Lab Majority	**18,751**	**51.26**

Total Vote 36,583 Turnout 70.25%
Swing SNP to Lab 1.57

1992: Total Vote 38,125 (75.24%) - Lab 23,966 (62.86%); C 6,211 (16.29%); SNP 5,619 (14.74%); LD 2,329 (6.11%); Lab Maj 17,755 (46.57%).

Gordon Brown, b Feb 20, 1951. Shadow Chancellor 1992-97. Elected 1983; contested Edinburgh S 1979. Chief Lab trade and industry spokesman 1989-92; elected to Shadow Cabinet 1987; Shadow Chief Sec to Treasury 1987-89; spokesman on regional affairs in Lab DTI frontbench team 1985-87. Chair, Scot Lab Party, 1983-84; member, employment select cttee, 1983-85. Privy Counsellor 1996. Columnist for Scottish Daily Record; journalist with, then editor, current affairs dept, *Scottish Television*, 1980-83; lecturer in politics, Glasgow Coll of Tech, 1976-80; rector, Edinburgh Univ, 1972-75. Member, NUJ. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Kirkcaldy HS; Edinburgh Univ.

DUNFERMLINE WEST

Lab hold

Electorate 52,467 (51,187)		%Votes
+Squire, R (Lab)	19,338	53.08
Lloyd, J (SNP)	6,984	19.17
Harris, E (LD)	4,963	13.62
Newton, K (C)	4,606	12.64
Bain, J (Ref)	543	1.49
Lab Majority	**12,354**	**33.91**

Total Vote 36,434 Turnout 69.44%
Swing SNP to Lab 6.11

1992: Total Vote 38,849 (75.90%) - Lab 16,132 (41.52%); C 8,948 (23.03%); SNP 7,703 (19.83%); LD 6,066 (15.61%); Lab Maj 7,184 (18.49%).

Ms Rachel Squire, b July 13, 1954. Elected for this seat 1992. Member, select cttees on procedure and on Euro legislation. Chair, 1995-97, and former sec, PLP defence cttee; treas, all-party head injuries party group. Full-time Nupe official 1981-92, having joined union in 1975; education officer with responsibility for Scotland 1985-92. Senior social worker with Birmingham social services dept 1975-81. Has served on Scottish exec of Lab Party; also Scottish Council political ed cttee. Ex-chair, Linlithgow CLP, and also political ed officer and press officer; former sec, Lothians European CLP. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed Godolphin and Latymer Girls; Durham and Birmingham Univs.

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EAST KILBRIDE

Lab hold

Electorate 65,229 (63,525)		%Votes
+Ingram, A (Lab)	27,584	56.53
Gebbie, G (SNP)	10,200	20.90
Herbertson, C (C)	5,863	12.02
Philbrick, K (LD)	3,527	7.23
Deighan, J (ProLife)	1,170	2.40
Gray, J (Ref)	306	0.63
Gilmour, E (NLP)	146	0.30
Lab Majority	**17,384**	**35.63**

Total Vote 48,796 Turnout 74.81%
Swing SNP to Lab 5.93

1992: Total Vote 50,238 (79.08%) - Lab 23,795 (47.37%); SNP 11,855 (23.60%); C 9,365 (18.64%); LD 5,221 (10.39%); Lab *Maj* 11,940 (23.77%).

Adam Ingram, b Feb 1, 1947. Elected 1987: contested Strathkelvin and Bearsden 1983. Lab spokesman on trade and industry 1995, with responsibility for science and tech; social security spokesman 1993-95; PPS to Neil Kinnock, then Lab leader, 1988-92. Member, trade and industry select cttee, 1992-93; sec, all-party British-Singapore party group; joint vice-chair, Japanese group, 1992-97; Lab whip 1988. Chair, E Kilbride CLP, 1981-85. E Kilbride cllr 1980-87 (council leader 1984-87). Programmer and systems analyst, S of Scotland Electricity Board, 1970-77; programmer/analyst, Associated British Foods, 1969-70; computer programmer 1966-69. Sponsored by TGWU 1992; Nalgo official 1977-87. Ed Cranhill Sec.

EAST LOTHIAN

Lab hold

Electorate 57,441 (56,283)		%Votes
+Home Robertson, J (Lab)	22,881	52.68
Fraser, M (C)	8,660	19.94
McCarthy, D (SNP)	6,825	15.71
MacAskill, A (LD)	4,575	10.53
Nash, N (Ref)	491	1.13
Lab Majority	**14,221**	**32.74**

Total Vote 43,432 Turnout 75.61%
Swing C to Lab 8.73

1992: Total Vote 46,465 (82.56%) - Lab 21,123 (45.46%); C 14,024 (30.18%); SNP 6,171 (13.28%); LD 5,147 (11.08%); Lab Maj 7,099 (15.28%).

John Home Robertson, b Dec 5, 1948. Farmer. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Berwick and E Lothian 1978-83. Defence select cttee 1990; member, Scottish affairs select cttee, 1979-83; Lab spokesman on food, agriculture and rural affairs, 1988-90, previously spokesman on agric, particularly for Scotland, 1984-87; spokesman on Scotland 1987-88; Lab Scottish whip 1983-84; chair, Scottish group of Lab MPs, 1982-83. Berwickshire district cllr 1974-78; member, Borders Health Board, 1975-78. Founder, Paxton Trust, 1989. Joint chair, ASH, 1996-. Sponsored by TSSA 1992. Ed Ampleforth; W of Scotland Agricultural Coll.

EASTWOOD

Lab gain from C

Electorate 66,697 (65,846)		%Votes
Murphy, J (Lab)	20,766	39.75
Cullen, P B (C)	17,530	33.56
Yates, D (SNP)	6,826	13.07
Mason, C (LD)	6,110	11.70
Miller, D (Ref)	497	0.95
Tayan, M (ProLife)	393	0.75
McPherson, D (UK Ind)	113	0.22
Lab Majority	**3,236**	**6.20**

Total Vote 52,235 Turnout 78.32%
Swing C to Lab 14.34

1992: Total Vote 52,636 (79.94%) - C 24,544 (46.63%); Lab 12,706 (24.14%); LD 8,651 (16.44%); SNP 6,589 (12.52%); NLP 146 (0.28%); C Maj 11,838 (22.49%).

Jim Murphy, b Aug 23, 1967. Projects manager, Scottish Lab Party. Pres, NUS 1994-96; pres NUS (Scotland) 1992-94. Member GMB; Co-op Party. Ed Barmine Sec, Glasgow; Milnerton HS, Cape Town; Strathclyde Univ.

EDINBURGH CENTRAL

Lab hold

Electorate 63,695 (60,023)		%Votes
+Darling, A (Lab)	20,125	47.09
Scott-Hayward, M D A (C)	9,055	21.19
Hyslop, F (SNP)	6,750	15.80
Utting, K (LD)	5,605	13.12
Hendry, L (Green)	607	1.42
Skinner, A (Ref)	495	1.16
Benson, M (Ind Dem)	98	0.23
Lab Majority	**11,070**	**25.90**

Total Vote 42,735 Turnout 67.09%
Swing C to Lab 8.36

1992: Total Vote 40,925 (68.18%) - Lab 15,770 (38.53%); C 12,013 (29.35%); SNP 6,232 (15.23%); LD 6,073 (14.84%); Grn 610 (1.49%); Lib 227 (0.55%); Lab Maj 3,757 (9.18%).

Alistair Darling, b Nov 28, 1953. Won this seat 1987. Shadow Chief Sec to Treasury 1996-97; in Lab Treasury and economic affairs team 1992-96, as spokesman on the City; spokesman on home affairs 1988-92; member, Lab working party on electoral systems, 1990-; joint vice-chair, PLP transport cttee, 1987-88. Lothian regional cllr 1982-87; Lothian and Borders Police Board 1982-86. Non-practising advocate. Trustee (unpaid), Nat Library of Scotland. Governor, Napier Coll, Edinburgh, 1982-87. Member, Apex. Ed Loretto School; Aberdeen Univ.

EDINBURGH EAST & MUSSLEBURGH

Lab hold

Electorate 59,648 (59,153)		%Votes
+Strang, G S (Lab)	22,564	53.57
White, D (SNP)	8,034	19.07
Ward, K (C)	6,483	15.39
MacKellar, C (LD)	4,511	10.71
Sibbet, J (Ref)	526	1.25
Lab Majority	**14,530**	**34.50**

Total Vote 42,118 Turnout 70.61%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.86

1992: Total Vote 44,003 (74.38%) - Lab 19,669 (44.70%); C 10,568 (24.02%); SNP 7,890 (17.93%); LD 5,075 (11.53%); Other 801 (1.82%); Lab Maj 9,101 (20.68%).

Dr Gavin Strang, b July 10, 1943. MP for Edinburgh E since 1970. Shadow Cabinet 1994, becoming chief Lab spokesman on agriculture and rural affairs. Member, agric select cttee. Lab spokesman on employment 1987-89; on agriculture, fisheries and food 1979-82; and on trade and industry 1973-74. Party Sec, Min of Ag, Fish and Food, 1974-79; Under Sec for Energy 1974. Chair, PLP defence cttee, 1985-87; Scottish Lab MPs 1986-87; Lab Action for Peace 1985-89; chair or sec, PLP CND group, 1982-86. Agricultural scientist. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Morrison's Acad; Edinburgh Univ; Churchill Coll, Cambridge.

EDINBURGH NORTH & LEITH

Lab hold

Electorate 61,617 (60,235)		%Votes
+Chisholm, M (Lab)	19,209	46.91
Dana, A (SNP)	8,231	20.10
Stewart, E (C)	7,312	17.86
Campbell, H (LD)	5,335	13.03
Graham, S (Ref)	441	1.08
Brown, G (SSA)	320	0.78
Douglas-Reid, P (NLP)	97	0.24
Lab Majority	**10,978**	**26.81**

Total Vote 40,945 Turnout 66.45%
Swing SNP to Lab 6.12

1992: Total Vote 43,020 (71.42%) - Lab 15,019 (34.91%); C 10,685 (24.84%); SNP 8,749 (20.34%); LD 5,038 (11.71%); Other 3,529 (8.20%); Lab Maj 4,334 (10.07%).

Malcolm Chisholm, b March 7, 1949. Teacher. MP for Edinburgh Leith 1992-97. Lab spokesman on Scotland 1996, speaking on local *govt, housing, constitutional* affairs. Sec, all-party breast cancer party group; chair, Leith CLP; vice-chair, Edinburgh District LP. EIS. Between univ and teaching spent two years in health service as porter and then nursing auxiliary. Ed Edinburgh Univ.

EDINBURGH SOUTH

Lab hold

Electorate 62,467 (61,638)		%Votes
+Griffiths, N (Lab)	20,993	46.82
Smith, E (C)	9,541	21.28
Pringle, M S R (LD)	7,911	17.64
Hargreaves, J (SNP)	5,791	12.92
McLean, I (Ref)	504	1.12
Dunn, B (NLP)	98	0.22
Lab Majority	**11,452**	**25.54**

Total Vote 44,838 Turnout 71.78%
Swing C to Lab 8.09

1992: Total Vote 44,378 (72.00%) - Lab 18,426 (41.52%); C 14,270 (32.16%); LD 5,855 (13.19%); SNP 5,719 (12.89%); NLP 108 (0.24%); Lab Maj 4,156 (9.37%).

Nigel Griffiths, b May 20, 1955. Won this seat 1987. Joined Lab frontbench trade and industry team 1989 as spokesman on consumer affairs; Lab whip 1987-89. *Joint chair, all-party street* children party group; treas, Interparty Council against Anti-Semitism. Exec member and convener, finance cttee, Scottish Constitutional Convention. Edinburgh district cllr 1980-87 (chair 1986-87). Member, Edinburgh Festival Council, 1984-87; Edinburgh Health Council 1982-87; exec, Edinburgh Council of Social Service, 1984-87. TGWU shop steward 1980-86. Sponsored by Usdaw 1992. Ed Hawick Comp; Edinburgh Univ; Moray Coll of Ed.

EDINBURGH WEST

LD gain from C

Electorate 61,133 (61,895)		%Votes
Gorrie, D (LD)	20,578	43.20
+Douglas-Hamilton, Lord J (C)	13,325	27.98
Hinds, L (Lab)	8,948	18.79
Sutherland, G (SNP)	4,210	8.84
Elphick, S (Ref)	277	0.58
Coombes, P (Lib)	263	0.55
Jack, A (AS)	30	0.06
LD Majority	**7,253**	**15.23**

Total Vote 47,631 Turnout 77.91%
Swing C to LD 11.77

1992: Total Vote 51,598 (83.23%) - C 19,715 (38.21%); LD 15,424 (29.89%); Lab 8,961 (17.37%); SNP 6,471 (12.54%); Lib 433 (0.84%); Grn 384 (0.74%); BNP 210 (0.41%); C Maj 4,291 (8.32%).

Donald Gorrie, b April 2, 1933. Contested this seat 1992, 1970 and twice in 1974. Full-time Edinburgh city cllr 1995- (group leader 1995-); Edinburgh district cllr 1980-96 (group leader 1980-96); Lothian regional cllr 1974-96 (group leader 1974-96); Edinburgh town cllr 1971-75. Dir/board member of Edinburgh Festival; Lyceum Theatre; Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Edinburgh Festival Theatre; Lothian assoc of Youth Clubs; Edinburgh Youth Cafes; Diverse Attraction; and Zoo. Ed Hurst Grange, Stirling; Oundle; Corpus Christi Coll, Oxford.

EDINBURGH PENTLANDS

Lab gain from C

Electorate 59,635 (59,432)		%Votes
Clark, L M (Lab)	19,675	43.01
+Rifkind, M (C)	14,813	32.38
Gibb, S (SNP)	5,952	13.01
Dawe, J (LD)	4,575	10.00
McDonald, M (Ref)	422	0.92
Harper, R (Green)	*224*	*0.49*
McConnachie, A (UK Ind)	81	0.18
Lab Majority	**4,862**	**10.63**

Total Vote 45,742 Turnout 76.70%
Swing C to Lab 9.83

1992: Total Vote 45,958 (77.33%) - C 18,474 (40.20%); Lab 14,326 (31.17%); SNP 7,203 (15.67%); LD 5,828 (12.68%); NLP 127 (0.28%); C Maj 4,148 (9.03%).

Ms Linda Clark, b Feb 26, 1949. QC (Scot), the most senior woman in practice at Scottish Bar. Contested Fife NE 1992. Appointed QC 1989; *admitted advocate, Scottish Bar*, 1977; called to English Bar, Inner Temple, 1988; law lecturer, Dundee Univ, 1973-76. Member, court of Edinburgh Univ; Scottish Legal Aid Board 1991-94. Ed St Andrews and Edinburgh Univs.

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FALKIRK EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 56,792 (56,737)		%Votes
+Connarty, M (Lab)	23,344	56.12
Brown, K (SNP)	9,959	23.94
Nicol, M (C)	5,813	13.98
Spillane, R (LD)	2,153	5.18
Mowbray, S (Ref)	326	0.78
Lab Majority	**13,385**	**32.18**

Total Vote 41,595 Turnout 73.24%
Swing SNP to Lab 8.20

1992: Total Vote 43,440 (76.56%) - Lab 19,183 (44.16%); SNP 12,327 (28.38%); C 8,771 (20.19%); LD 3,159 (7.27%); Lab Maj 6,856 (15.78%).

Michael Connarty, b Sept 3, 1947. Elected 1992; contested Stirling 1987 and 1983. Member, select cttee on Party Commissioner for Administration, 1995-97; sec, PLP science and tech cttee, 1992-; chair, economic industry engineering cttee, Scottish PLP group, 1994-; co-ordinator, PLP Scottish task force, skills and training, youths and students, 1994-. Treas, all-party chemical industry party group; skin group. Member, exec cttee, Scottish Lab Party, 1981-92; vice-chair, Lab group, Cosla, 1988-90; sec, all-party Scottish Opera group, 1996-. Stirling district cllr 1977-90 (leader 1980-90). Teacher of children with special needs 1976-92. Rector, Stirling Univ, 1983-84. Exec member, Central Region EIS, 1978-84 and its pres 1982-83. Sponsored by UCW. Ed Stirling and Glasgow Univs; Jordanhill Coll of Ed.

FALKIRK WEST

Lab hold

Electorate 52,850 (53,947)		%Votes
+Canavan, D (Lab)	22,772	37.26
Alexander, D (SNP)	8,989	14.71
Buchanan, C (C)	4,639	7.59
Houston, D (LD)	1,970	3.22
Lab Majority	**13,783**	**22.55**

Total Vote 61,120 Turnout 115.65%
Swing Lab to SNP 2.68

1992: *Total Vote 40,941 (75.89%)* - *Lab* 21,065 (51.45%); SNP 9,635 (23.53%); C 7,719 (18.85%); LD 2,522 (6.16%); Lab Maj 11,430 (27.92%).

Dennis Canavan, b Aug 8, 1942. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for W Stirlingshire, Oct 1974-83. Member, foreign affairs select cttee, 1982-97. Chair, all-party Scottish sports party group, 1987-; joint vice-chair, hospice group, 1990-. Chair, PLP N Ireland cttee, 1989- (joint vice-chair 1983-89); joint vice-chair, PLP foreign affairs cttee, 1985-91; chair, Scottish PLP group, 1980-81. Party spokesman for Scottish cttee on mobility for disabled 1977-. Asst headmaster, Holyrood HS, Edinburgh, 1974. Chair, party branch, EIS, 1983-. Sponsored by Unison 1992, formerly Cohse. Ed St Columba's HS, Cowdenbeath; Edinburgh Univ.

FIFE CENTRAL

Lab hold

Electorate 58,315 (57,702)		%Votes
+McLeish, H (Lab)	23,912	58.66
Marwick, T (SNP)	10,199	25.02
Rees-Mogg, J (C)	3,669	9.00
Laird, R (LD)	2,610	6.40
Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, J (Ref)	375	0.92
Lab Majority	**13,713**	**33.64**

Total Vote 40,765 Turnout 69.90%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.93

1992: Total Vote 42,640 (73.90%) - Lab 21,627 (50.72%); SNP 10,636 (24.94%); C 7,440 (17.45%); LD 2,937 (6.89%); Lab Maj 10,991 (25.78%).

Henry McLeish, b June 15, 1948. Ex-council officer and univ lecturer. Elected 1987; contested NE Fife 1979. Lab dep social security spokesman 1996-; health spokesman 1995-97, transport 1994-95; Scotland 1992-94 and 1988-89; employment 1989-92. Fife regional cllr 1978-87 (council leader 1982-87); formerly Kirkcaldy district cllr. Planning officer, Dunfermline District Council, 1975-87. Part-time lecturer/tutor, Heriot-Watt Univ, 1973-87. Part-time employment consultant 1984-87. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed Buckhaven HS; Heriot-Watt Univ, Edinburgh.

FIFE NORTH EAST

LD hold

Electorate 58,794 (54,244)		%Votes
*Campbell, M (LD)	21,432	51.22
Bruce, A (C)	11,076	26.47
Welsh, C (SNP)	4,545	10.86
Milne, C (Lab)	4,301	10.28
Stewart, W (Ref)	485	1.16
LD Majority	**10,356**	**24.75**

Total Vote 41,839 Turnout 71.16%
Swing C to LD 8.43

1992: Total Vote 41,875 (77.20%) - LD 19,432 (46.40%); C 16,129 (38.52%); SNP 3,598 (8.59%); Lab 2,337 (5.58%); Grn 294 (0.70%); Lib 85 (0.20%); LD Maj 3,303 (7.89%).

Menzies Campbell, b May 22, 1941. Advocate, QC (Scot), and former international athlete. Elected for this seat 1987; contested *it 1983; East Fife 1979; and* Greenock and Port Glasgow twice in 1974. LD spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs and defence. Member, select cttees on defence, 1992-97; trade and industry 1990-92; members' interests, 1987-90. Member, advisory cttee on Commons works of art, 1988-; UK delegation, N Atlantic Assembly, 1989-; UK delegation, CSCE Party Assembly, 1992-. Joint vice-chair, all-party association football party group; sports group; Scottish sports group; aerospace group, 1994-. Standing junior counsel to Army in Scotland, 1980-82; member, Legal Aid *Central Cttee, 1983-87*; Broadcasting Council for Scotland 1984-87. Chair, Royal Lyceum Theatre Co, Edinburgh, 1984-87; governor, Scottish Sports Aid Foundation, 1981-91; trustee, Scottish International Ed Trust, 1984-. Former UK 100m record holder. Ed Hillhead HS, Glasgow; Glasgow Univ; Stanford Univ, California.

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GALLOWAY & UPPER NITHSDALE

SNP gain from C

Electorate 52,751 (53,482)		%Votes
Morgan, A (SNP)	18,449	43.91
+Lang, I (C)	12,825	30.52
Clark, K (Lab)	6,861	16.33
McKerchar, J (LD)	2,700	6.43
Wood, R (Ind)	566	1.35
Kennedy, A (Ref)	428	1.02
Smith, J (UK Ind)	189	0.45
SNP Majority	**5,624**	**13.38**

Total Vote 42,018 Turnout 79.65%
Swing C to SNP 9.47

1992: Total Vote 43,276 (80.92%) - C 18,173 (41.99%); SNP 15,773 (36.45%); Lab 5,609 (12.96%); LD 3,721 (8.60%); C Maj 2,400 (5.55%).

Alasdair Morgan, b April 21, 1945. Computer systems team leader. Contested Dumfries 1992. SNP national sec 1992- (general election dir 1992); sec and former nat treas and ex-senior vice-convener, SNP Scottish Cabinet. Ed Breadalbane Acad, Aberfeldy; Glasgow Univ; OU.

GLASGOW ANNIESLAND

Lab hold

Electorate 52,955 (53,687)		%Votes
+Dewar, D C (Lab)	20,951	61.84
Wilson, W (SNP)	5,797	17.11
Brocklehurst, A (C)	3,881	11.46
McGinty, C (LD)	2,453	7.24
Majid, A (ProLife)	374	1.10
Bonnar, W (SSA)	229	0.68
Milligan, A (UK Ind)	86	0.25
McKay, G (Ref)	84	0.25
Pringle, T (NLP)	24	0.07
Lab Majority	**15,154**	**44.73**

Total Vote 33,879 Turnout 63.98%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.34

1992: Total Vote 37,685 (70.22%) - Lab 20,000 (53.07%); SNP 6,411 (17.01%); C 5,895 (15.64%); LD 5,166 (13.71%); Other 213 (0.57%); Lab Maj 13,589 *(36.06%)*.

Donald Dewar, b Aug 21, 1937. Lab Chief Whip 1995-. In Shadow Cabinet since 1984. MP for Glasgow Garscadden 1978-97, and Aberdeen S 1966-70; contested that seat 1964 and 1970. Chief Lab spokesman on social security 1992-95; on Scotland 1983-92. Privy Counsellor 1996. Chair, Scottish affairs select cttee, 1979-81; PPS to Pres of Board of Trade 1967. Solicitor; consultant (unpaid) to Ross Harper & Murphy (solicitors; was partner in firm). Weekly columnist for Scottish Mirror. Sponsored by RMT 1992. Ed Glasgow Acad; Glasgow Univ (pres *of union 1961-62*).

GLASGOW BAILLIESTOWN

Lab hold

Electorate 51,152 (52,207)		%Votes
+Wray, J (Lab)	20,925	65.69
Thomson, P (SNP)	6,085	19.10
Kelly, M (C)	2,468	7.75
Rainger, S (LD)	1,217	3.82
McVicar, J (SSA)	970	3.05
McClafferty, J (Ref)	188	0.59
Lab Majority	**14,840**	**46.59**

Total Vote 31,853 Turnout 62.27%
Swing SNP to Lab 2.97

1992: Total Vote 34,846 (66.75%) - Lab 22,030 (63.22%); SNP 7,865 (22.57%); C 3,448 (9.89%); LD 1,505 (4.32%); Lab Maj 14,165 (40.65%).

James Wray, b April 28, 1938. Ex-heavy goods vehicle driver. MP for Glasgow Provan 1987-97. Member, select cttee on European legislation; former vice-convener, Scottish group of Lab MPs; former vice-chair, all-party anti-fluoridation cttee. Strathclyde regional cllr 1976-; led Gorbals rent strike and anti-dampness campaign. Pres, Scottish Fed of the Blind, 1987 (vice-pres, 1986); Gorbals Utd FC; St Enoch's Drug Centre; Scottish Ex-Boxers' Assoc. Sponsored by TGWU 1992.

GLASGOW KELVIN

Lab hold

Electorate 57,438 (53,680)		%Votes
+Galloway, G (Lab)	16,643	50.97
White, S (SNP)	6,978	21.37
Buchanan, E (LD)	4,629	14.18
McPhie, D (C)	3,539	10.84
Green, A (SSA)	386	1.18
Grigor, R (Ref)	282	0.86
Vanni, V (SPGB)	102	0.31
Stidolph, G (NLP)	*95*	*0.29*
Lab Majority	**9,665**	**29.60**

Total Vote 32,654 Turnout 56.85%
Swing SNP to Lab 1.01

1992: Total Vote 36,215 (67.46%) - Lab 16,971 (46.86%); SNP 6,982 (19.28%); LD 6,848 (18.91%); C 4,765 (13.16%); Other 649 (1.79%); Lab Maj 9,989 (27.58%).

George Galloway, b Aug 16, 1954. MP for Glasgow Hillhead 1987-97. Joint vice-chair, PLP foreign affairs cttee, until 1991; sec, all-party British-Iranian party group. Ex-chair and vice-chair, Scottish Lab Party. Freelance journalist; dir, Asian Voice Ltd, media work. Gen sec of charity War on Want 1983-87; previously Lab Party organiser and engineering worker. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed Charleston Primary; Harris Acad, Dundee.

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ELECTION 97 RESULTS

GLASGOW CATHCART
Lab hold

Electorate 49,312 (51,940)		%Votes
+Maxton, J (Lab)	19,158	56.17
Whitehead, M (SNP)	6,913	20.27
Muir, A (C)	4,248	12.45
Dick, G C (LD)	2,302	6.75
Indyk, Z (ProLife)	687	2.01
Stevenson, R (SSA)	458	1.34
Haldane, S (Ref)	344	1.01
Lab Majority	**12,245**	**35.90**

Total Vote 34,110 Turnout 69.17%
Swing SNP to Lab 2.82
1992: Total Vote 37,934 (73.03%) - Lab 18,719 (49.35%); C 8,167 (21.53%); SNP 7,244 (19.10%); LD 2,732 (7.20%); Grn 1,072 (2.83%); Lab Maj 10,552 (27.82%).

John Maxton, b May 5, 1936. Lecturer. Gained seat for Lab 1979. Lab spokesman on Scotland 1985-92: Scottish and Treasury whip 1984-85. Member, national heritage select cttee, 1992-; Scottish affairs select cttee 1979-82; Commons chairmen's panel; PAC 1983-85. Chair, PLP national heritage cttee. Ex-party rep, Civil Service Union, and Scottish branch, Inst of Housing. Lecturer in social studies at Hamilton Coll of Ed; chair, Assoc of Lecturers in Colls of Ed, Scotland. Dir (unpaid), Glasgow International Jazz Festival. Member, EIS; MSF. Ed Lord Williams GS, Thame; Oxford Univ.

GLASGOW GOVAN
Lab hold

Electorate 49,836 (50,351)		%Votes
Sarwar, M (Lab)	14,216	44.09
Sturgeon, N (SNP)	11,302	35.05
Thomas, W (C)	2,839	8.81
Stewart, R (LD)	1,915	5.94
McCombes, A (SSA)	755	2.34
Paton, P (SLU)	325	1.01
Badar, I (SLI)	319	0.99
Abbasi, Z (SCU)	221	0.69
MacDonald, K (Ref)	201	0.62
White, J (BNP)	149	0.46
Lab Majority	**2,914**	**9.04**

Total Vote 32,242 Turnout 64.70%
Swing Lab to SNP 3.19
1992: Total Vote 36,394 (72.28%) - Lab 15,665 (43.04%); SNP 10,056 (27.63%); C 7,165 (19.69%); LD 2,033 (5.59%); Grn 1,475 (4.05%); Lab Maj 5,609 (15.41%).

Mohammad Sarwar, b Aug 18, 1952. Company director. Glasgow district cllr 1992-96; Glasgow city cllr 1995-. Chair, Islamic Centre and Glasgow Central Mosque, 1985-88. Founder member, Save the Bosnian People campaign. Dir, United Wholesale Grocers Ltd. Member, GMB. Ed Faisalabad Univ, Pakistan.

GLASGOW MARYHILL
Lab hold

Electorate 52,523 (52,291)		%Votes
+Fyfe, M (Lab)	19,301	64.94
Wailes, J (SNP)	5,037	16.95
Attwooll, E (LD)	2,119	7.13
Baldwin, S (C)	1,747	5.88
Blair, L (NLP)	651	2.19
Baker, M (SSA)	409	1.38
Hanif, J (ProLife)	344	1.16
Paterson, R (Ref)	77	0.26
Johnstone, S (SEP)	36	0.12
Lab Majority	**14,264**	**47.99**

Total Vote 29,721 Turnout 56.59%
Swing SNP to Lab 2.41
1992: Total Vote 33,611 (64.28%) - Lab 21,042 (62.60%); SNP 6,530 (19.43%); C 3,241 (9.64%); LD 2,238 (6.66%); Grn 488 (1.45%); NLP 72 (0.21%); Lab Maj 14,512 (43.18%).

Ms Maria Fyfe, b Nov 25 1938 Lecturer. Elected 1987. Party spokeswoman on Scotland, 1992-95; on women's issues 1988-91. Co-chair, Scottish Labour against War in Gulf, 1991. Convener, Scottish group of Lab MPs, 1991-92; joint vice-chair, PLP employment cttee, 1987-88. Member, Scottish Lab Party exec. 1982-88 (chair, local govt sub-cttee, 1985-87). Glasgow district cllr 1980-87. Senior lecturer in further education, Central Coll of Commerce, Glasgow Trade Union Studies Unit, 1976-87. Former gas board worker. Ed, state schools in Scotland; Strathclyde Univ.

GLASGOW POLLOK
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 49,284 (52,678)		%Votes
+Davidson, I (Lab Co-op)	19,653	59.91
Logan, D (SNP)	5,862	17.87
Sheridan, T (SSA)	3,639	11.09
Hamilton, E (C)	1,979	6.03
Jago, D (LD)	1,137	3.47
Gott, M (ProLife)	380	1.16
Haldane, D (Ref)	152	0.46
Lab Co-op Majority	**13,791**	**42.04**

Total Vote 32,802 Turnout 66.56%
Swing SNP to Lab Co-op 8.58
1992: Total Vote 38,003 (72.14%) - Lab Co-op 18,945 (49.85%); SNP 9,492 (24.98%); SML 4,811 (12.66%); C 3,107 (8.18%); LD 1,648 (4.34%); Lab Co-op Maj 9,453 (24.87%).

Ian Davidson, b Sept 8, 1950. MP for Glasgow Govan 1992-97. Joint vice-chair, PLP defence cttee; all-party warm homes group. Strathclyde regional cllr 1978-92 (chair, ed cttee, 1986-92); convener, Cosla ed cttee and negotiating cttee on teachers' salaries. With community service volunteers 1985-92: PA and researcher to Janey Buchan, MEP, 1978-85. Ed Jedburgh GS; Galashiels Acad; Edinburgh Univ; Jordanhill Coll.

GLASGOW RUTHERGLEN
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 50,646 (52,265)		%Votes
+McAvoy, T (Lab Co-op)	20,430	57.52
Gray, I (SNP)	5,423	15.27
Brown, R (LD)	5,167	14.55
Campbell Bannerman, D (C)	3,288	9.26
Easton, G (Ind Lab)	812	2.29
Kane, R (SSA)	251	0.71
Kerr, J (Ref)	150	0.42
Lab Co-op Majority	**15,007**	**42.25**

Total Vote 35,521 Turnout 70.14%
Swing SNP to Lab Co-op 2.22
1992: Total Vote 38,858 (74.35%) - Lab Co-op 20,742 (53.38%); C 7,443 (19.15%); SNP 6,052 (15.57%); LD 4,529 (11.66%); Int Comm 92 (0.24%); Lab Co-op Maj 13,299 (34.22%).

Thomas McAvoy, b Dec 14, 1943. Engineering storeman, worked for Hoover at Cambuslang. Elected 1987. Labour whip, 1996-97 and 1990-93. Member, N Ireland affairs select cttee, 1994-96; unopposed Bills panel 1992-96. Joint vice-chair, Lab N Ireland cttee. Strathclyde regional cllr 1982-87. Ex-chair, Rutherglen Community Council and Fed of Tenants' Assocs. Member, AEU. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed St Columbkilles primary and junior sec schools.

GLASGOW SHETTLESTON
Lab hold

Electorate 47,990 (49,358)		%Votes
+Marshall, D (Lab)	19,616	73.16
Hanif, H (SNP)	3,748	13.98
Simpson, C (C)	1,484	5.53
Hiles, K (LD)	1,061	3.96
McVicar, C (SSA)	482	1.80
Currie, R (BNP)	191	0.71
Montguire, T (Ref)	151	0.56
Graham, J (WRP)	80	0.30
Lab Majority	**15,868**	**59.18**

Total Vote 26,813 Turnout 55.87%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.92
1992: Total Vote 31,705 (64.23%) - Lab 20,767 (65.50%); SNP 5,123 (16.16%); C 3,876 (12.23%); LD 1,939 (6.12%); Lab Maj 15,644 (49.34%).

David Marshall, b May 1941. Elected 1979. Member, transport select cttee 1985-92, chair 1987-92; Scottish affairs select cttee 1992-97 and 1981-83; unopposed Bills panel 1992-. Sec and treas, Scottish Lab MPs, 1981-; chair (1987-) and joint vice-chair (1983-87), PLP transport cttee. Joint sec, all-party aviation group; vice-chair, South Pacific group, 1996-; sec, Brazilian group; treas, Canadian group. Glasgow corp member 1972-75. Strathclyde regional cllr 1974-79. Joint vice-chair (1994-) and member (1993-), exec cttee, British group, IPU. Unpaid dir, East End Partnership Ltd, registered charity; member (unpaid), Air League council. Ex-transport worker and shop steward. Ed Larbert HS; Denny HS; Falkirk HS; and Woodside Sen Secondary.

GLASGOW SPRINGBURN
Lab hold

Electorate 53,473 (54,822)		%Votes
+Martin, M (Lab)	22,534	71.36
Brady, J (SNP)	5,208	16.49
Holdsworth, M (C)	1,893	5.99
Alexander, J (LD)	1,349	4.27
Lawson, J (SSA)	407	1.29
Keating, A (Ref)	186	0.59
Lab Majority	**17,326**	**54.87**

Total Vote 31,577 Turnout 59.05%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.92
1992: Total Vote 35,985 (65.60%) - Lab 23,347 (64.92%); SNP 7,150 (19.88%); C 3,909 (10.87%); LD 1,559 (4.33%); Lab Maj 16,197 (45.04%).

Michael Martin, b July 3, 1945. Elected for Glasgow Springburn 1979. Former shop steward and sheet metal worker. PPS to Denis Healey, when Dep Leader of Lab Party, 1981-83. Member, trade and industry select cttee, 1983-87. Chair, Commons admin cttee, 1992-97; member, Commons chairmen's panel, 1987-97; Commons finance and services cttee 1992-; services cttee 1987-91. Joint vice-chair, PLP N Ireland cttee, 1987-88. Sec, all-party British-Italian group. Member, Glasgow Corp, 1973-74; Glasgow district cllr 1974-79. Fellow, Industry and Parliament Trust. Ed St Patrick's School, Glasgow.

GORDON
LD hold

Electorate 58,767 (56,716)		%Votes
+Bruce, M (LD)	17,999	42.61
Porter, J (C)	11,002	26.04
Lochhead, R (SNP)	8,435	19.97
Kirkhill, L (Lab)	4,350	10.30
Pidcock, F (Ref)	459	1.09
LD Majority	**6,997**	**16.56**

Total Vote 42,245 Turnout 71.89%
Swing C to LD 18.67
1992: Total Vote 40,860 (72.04%) - C 19,596 (47.96%); LD 11,110 (27.19%); SNP 7,593 (18.58%); Lab 2,561 (6.27%); C Maj 8,486 (20.77%).

Malcolm Bruce, b Nov 17, 1944. Barrister. Elected for L/All 1983, becoming LD MP 1988; contested W Aberdeenshire 1979; N Angus and Mearns Oct 1974. Became party spokesman on Treasury and Civil Service in 1993. Leader, Scottish LDs, 1988-92; dep chair, Scottish Lib Party, 1975-84. Chief LD spokesman on Scotland, 1990-93: on environment and natural resources, covering energy and conservation, 1988-90; Lib and then LD spokesman on trade and industry, 1987-88; Lib spokesman on energy 1985-87: on Scotland 1983-85. Member, select cttee on Treasury and Civil Service, 1994-97: trade and industry 1992-94 and 1987-90: Scottish affairs 1983-87. Joint vice-chair, all-party Scottish housing group. Joint editor, publisher and director, Aberdeen Petroleum Publishing, 1981-84; marketing dir, Noroil Publishing House (UK) Ltd, 1975-81. Ed Wrekin Coll, Shropshire; St Andrews and Strathclyde Univs.

GREENOCK & INVERCLYDE
Lab hold

Electorate 48,818 (51,442)		%Votes
+Godman, N A (Lab)	19,480	56.16
Goodall, B (SNP)	6,440	18.57
Ackland, R (LD)	4,791	13.81
Swire, H (C)	3,976	11.46
Lab Majority	**13,040**	**37.59**

Total Vote 34,687 Turnout 71.05%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.54
1992: Total Vote 38,345 (74.54%) - Lab 18,319 (47.77%); C 8,081 (21.07%); SNP 6,621 (17.27%); LD 5,324 (13.88%); Lab Maj 10,238 (26.70%).

Dr Norman Godman, b April 19, 1938. Ex-teacher and shipwright. MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow 1983-97; contested Aberdeen S 1979. Ex-Lab spokesman on agriculture and rural affairs, 1987-90. Member, N Ireland select cttee, 1996-; Euro legislation 1990-92; Scottish affairs 1983-87. Ex-chair, Scottish group of Lab MPs; joint vice-chair, PLP foreign affairs cttee, 1991-; chair, all-party Tibet party group. Former teacher in Scottish further and higher education. Ed Westbourne Street Boys' School, Hull; Hull and Heriot-Watt Univs.

H

HAMILTON NORTH & BELLSHILL
Lab hold

Electorate 53,607 (52,793)		%Votes
+Reid, J (Lab)	24,322	64.01
Matheson, M (SNP)	7,255	19.09
McIntosh, G (C)	3,944	10.38
Legg, K (LD)	1,924	5.06
Conn, R (Ref)	554	1.46
Lab Majority	**17,067**	**44.91**

Total Vote 37,998 Turnout 70.88%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.18
1992: Total Vote 40,184 (76.12%) - Lab 23,422 (58.29%); SNP 7,932 (19.74%); C 6,115 (15.22%); LD 2,715 (6.76%); Lab Maj 15,490 (38.55%).

Dr John Reid, b May 8, 1947. MP for Motherwell N 1987-97. Lab spokesman on defence 1990-; adviser to Neil Kinnock, when Leader of Opposition, 1983-85. Member, Armed Forces Party Scheme; spokesman on children, 1989-90. Member, PAC, 1988-90; joint vice-chair, PLP transport cttee, 1987-89; joint chair, all-party British-Uganda party group; joint vice-chair, Russia group. Scottish organiser, Trade Unionists for Lab, 1986-87; research officer, Scottish Lab Party, 1980-83. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed St Patrick's Senior Secondary, Coatbridge; Stirling Univ.

HAMILTON SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 46,562 (46,860)		%Votes
+Robertson, G I M (Lab)	21,709	65.60
Black, I (SNP)	5,831	17.62
Kilgour, R (C)	2,858	8.64
Pitts, R (LD)	1,693	5.12
Gunn, C (ProLife)	684	2.07
Brown, S (Ref)	316	0.95
Lab Majority	**15,878**	**47.98**

Total Vote 33,091 Turnout 71.07%
Swing SNP to Lab 5.68
1992: Total Vote 34,794 (74.25%) - Lab 19,816 (56.95%); SNP 7,074 (20.33%); C 5,596 (16.08%); LD 2,308 (6.63%); Lab Maj 12,742 (36.62%).

George Robertson, b April 12, 1946. MP for Hamilton, 1978-97. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1993 and appointed chief Lab spokesman on Scotland; Lab spokesman on European affairs 1984-93; dep spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, 1981-93; on defence 1980-81; on Scotland 1979-80. Joint vice-chair, all-party photography party group. Vice-chair, British Council, 1985-. Adviser to Halton-Gill Associates. Scottish organiser for the then GMWU 1970-78. Member, council, Royal Inst for International Affairs, 1984-; British Atlantic Cttee 1981-; council, Operation Raleigh, 1982-; steering cttee, Atlantic conference, 1987-; steering cttee, Konigswinter conference, 1983-; advisory board, Know How Funds for Eastern Europe, 1990-; council, GB/USSR Assoc, 1986-; editorial board, European Business Journal, 1988-; council, British Executive Service Overseas, 1991-. Governor, Ditchley Foundation, 1989-. Sponsored by GMB 1992. Ed Dunoon GS; Dundee Univ.

I

INVERNESS EAST, NAIRN & LOCHABER
Lab gain from LD

Electorate 65,701 (63,321)		%Votes
Stewart, D (Lab)	16,187	33.89
Ewing, F S (SNP)	13,848	28.99
Gallagher, S H (LD)	8,364	17.51
Scanlon, M E (C)	8,355	17.49
Wall, W (Ref)	436	0.91
Falconer, M (Green)	354	0.74
Hart, D (Ch U)	224	0.47
Lab Majority	**2,339**	**4.90**

Total Vote 47,768 Turnout 72.71%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.41
1992: Total Vote 45,892 (72.48%) - LD 12,249 (26.69%); SNP 11,513 (25.09%); C 10,777 (23.48%); Lab 10,633 (23.17%); Other 720 (1.57%); LD Maj 736 (1.60%).

David Stewart, b May 5, 1956. Social work area manager, Highland Regional Council. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987. Member, Lab Party Scottish exec. 1985-; Dumfries district cllr 1984-86; Inverness district cllr 1988- (dep leader, Lab group, 1988-96). Member, Scottish Council for Single Homeless; Nalgo; Nupe. Ed Paisley Coll; Stirling Univ.

K

KILMARNOCK & LOUDOUN
Lab hold

Electorate 61,376 (62,777)		%Votes
Browne, D (Lab)	23,621	49.82
Neil, A (SNP)	16,365	34.52
Taylor, D (C)	5,125	10.81
Stewart, J (LD)	1,891	3.99
Sneddon, W (Ref)	284	0.60
Gilmour, W (NLP)	123	0.26
Lab Majority	**7,256**	**15.31**

Total Vote 47,409 Turnout 77.24%
Swing SNP to Lab 0.62
1992: Total Vote 49,601 (79.01%) - Lab 22,210 (44.78%); SNP 15,231 (30.71%); C 9,438 (19.03%); LD 2,722 (5.49%); Lab Maj 6,979 (14.07%).

Desmond Browne, b March 22, 1952. Advocate specialising in family law. Contested Argyll and Bute 1992. Runs own practice, McCluskey Browne. Ed St Michael's Acad, Kilwinning; Glasgow Univ.

KIRKCALDY
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 52,186 (50,837)		%Votes
+Moonie, L (Lab Co-op)	18,730	53.56
Hosie, S (SNP)	8,020	22.93
Black, C (C)	4,779	13.66
Mainland, J (LD)	3,031	8.67
Baxter, V (Ref)	413	1.18
Lab Co-op Majority	**10,710**	**30.62**

Total Vote 34,973 Turnout 67.02%
Swing SNP to Lab Co-op 3.84
1992: Total Vote 37,839 (74.43%) - Lab Co-op 17,246 (45.58%); SNP 8,561 (22.62%); C 8,361 (22.10%); LD 3,671 (9.70%); Lab Co-op Maj 8,685 (22.95%).

Lewis Moonie, b Feb 25, 1947. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on national heritage 1995; Lab frontbench trade and industry team 1989-95 as spokesman on science and technology and on industry. Member, social services select cttee, 1987-89; Treasury and Civil Service select cttee, 1989. Vice-chair, PLP Treasury and Civil Service cttee, 1988-89; all-party chess party group. Fife regional cllr 1982-86. Was community medicine specialist with Fife Health Board; previously worked as psychiatrist in Switzerland and The Netherlands. Member, ASTMS; TGWU. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed Grove Acad, Dundee; St Andrews and Edinburgh Univs.

L

LINLITHGOW
Lab hold

Electorate 53,706 (53,066)		%Votes
+Dalyell, T (Lab)	21,469	54.14
MacAskill, K (SNP)	10,631	26.81
Kerr, T (C)	4,964	12.52
Duncan, A (LD)	2,331	5.88
Plomer, K (Ref)	259	0.65
Lab Majority	**10,838**	**27.33**

Total Vote 39,654 Turnout 73.84%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.14
1992: Total Vote 40,933 (77.14%) - Lab 20,137 (49.20%); SNP 12,340 (30.15%); C 5,613 (13.71%); LD 2,843 (6.95%); Lab Maj 7,797 (19.05%).

Tam Dalyell, b Aug 9, 1932. Author and former teacher. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for W Lothian 1962-83; contested Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, 1959. Member, Lab Party NEC, 1986-87; Labour spokesman on science, 1980-82. MEP 1975-79. Joint vice-pres, all-party arts and heritage group; joint vice-chair, all-party Argentina group, 1996-; sec, all-party Ecuadorean group, 1996-. Member, exec cttee, Campaign Group of Lab MPs, 1985-86; chair, PLP foreign affairs group, 1979-81; member, select cttee on Euro legislation, 1974-75; PPS to late Richard Crossman 1964-70. Political columnist, New Scientist, 1967-. Council member, National Trust for Scotland. Sponsored by RMT 1992. Ed Edinburgh Acad; Eton; King's Coll, Cambridge; Moray House Teachers' Training Coll, Edinburgh.

LIVINGSTON
Lab hold

Electorate 60,296 (58,068)		%Votes
+Cook, R (Lab)	23,510	54.89
Johnston, P (SNP)	11,763	27.46
Craigie Halkett, H (C)	4,028	9.40
Hawthorn, E (LD)	2,876	6.71
Campbell, H (Ref)	444	1.04
Culbert, M (SPGB)	213	0.50
Lab Majority	**11,747**	**27.42**

Total Vote 42,834 Turnout 71.04%
Swing SNP to Lab 3.76
1992: Total Vote 42,445 (73.10%) - Lab 19,461 (45.85%); SNP 11,013 (25.95%); C 7,669 (18.12%); LD 3,857 (9.09%); Grn 425 (1.00%); Lab Maj 8,448 (19.90%).

Robin Cook, b Feb 28, 1946. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Edinburgh Central Feb 1974-83; contested Edinburgh N 1970. Chief Lab spokesman on foreign affairs 1994-97; on trade and industry 1992-94; on health 1989-92; on health and social security 1987-89; member of Shadow Cabinet 1983-86 and since 1987. Privy Counsellor 1996. Spokesman on European and Community affairs 1983-85; campaigns co-ordinator 1985-86; trade and industry spokesman 1986-87; Treasury and economic affairs spokesman 1980-83. On Lab Party NEC since 1988. Member, Edinburgh Corp, 1971-74. Ex-tutor and organiser in adult ed. Sponsored by RMT 1992. Ed Aberdeen GS; Royal HS, Edinburgh; Edinburgh Univ.

M

MIDLOTHIAN
Lab hold

Electorate 47,552 (47,952)		%Votes
+Clarke, E (Lab)	18,861	53.51
Millar, L (SNP)	8,991	25.51
Harper, A (C)	3,842	10.90
Pinnock, R (LD)	3,235	9.18
Docking, K (Ref)	320	0.91
Lab Majority	**9,870**	**28.00**

Total Vote 35,249 Turnout 74.13%
Swing SNP to Lab 1.53
1992: Total Vote 35,547 (74.13%) - Lab 17,120 (48.16%); SNP 8,256 (23.23%); C 6,242 (17.56%); LD 3,552 (9.99%); Grn 377 (1.06%); Lab Maj 8,864 (24.94%).

Eric Clarke, b April 9, 1933. Ex-miner. Elected for this seat 1992; Lab whip 1994-. Joint treas, all-party beer club, 1994-. Ex-member, Lab Party NEC. Midlothian county cllr 1962-75; Lothian regional cllr 1974-78. Trade union official 1977-89; ex-general sec of Scottish NUM and former trustee of the Mineworkers Pension Fund; member of NUM 1949-. Party adviser to Mining Scotland Ltd. Ed St Cuthbert's Holy Cross Acad; W.M. Ramsay Tech Coll, Edinburgh; Esk Valley Tech Coll, Dalkeith, Midlothian.

MORAY
SNP hold

Electorate 58,302 (57,743)		%Votes
+Ewing, M (SNP)	16,529	41.57
Findlay, A (C)	10,963	27.57
Macdonald, L (Lab)	7,886	19.83
Storr, D (LD)	3,548	8.92
Meiklejohn, P (Ref)	840	2.11
SNP Majority	**5,566**	**14.00**

Total Vote 39,766 Turnout 68.21%
Swing C to SNP 3.46
1992: Total Vote 41,340 (71.59%) - SNP 18,444 (44.62%); C 15,517 (37.54%); Lab 4,913 (11.88%); LD 2,466 (5.97%); SNP Maj 2,927 (7.08%).

Mrs Margaret Ewing, b Sept 1, 1945. Teacher, journalist and social work administrator. Gained this seat 1987, becoming leader of SNP party group, and spokeswoman on defence, health, social security, environment and Highlands and Islands; SNP MP for Dunbartonshire E (then as Mrs Margaret Bain) from Oct 1974-79, contesting that seat Feb 1974, and Strathkelvin and Bearsden 1983. Member, select cttee on European legislation, 1990-. Joint vice-chair, all-party Scottish sports group, 1987-; Scotch whisky industry group; chair, warm homes group. Senior vice-chair, SNP, 1984-87; vice-pres, SNP, 1987-90; member, nat exec, 1990-. Governor, Westminster Foundation for Democracy; member, party panel, Royal Coll of Nursing (both unpaid). Ed Biggar HS; Glasgow and Strathclyde Univs.

MOTHERWELL & WISHAW
Lab hold

Electorate 52,252 (53,282)		%Votes
Roy, F (Lab)	21,020	57.40
McGuigan, J (SNP)	8,229	22.47
Dickson, S (C)	4,024	10.99
Mackie, A (LD)	2,331	6.37
Herriot, C (Soc Lab)	797	2.18
Russell, T (Ref)	218	0.60
Lab Majority	**12,791**	**34.93**

Total Vote 36,619 Turnout 70.08%
Swing Lab to SNP 0.09
1992: Total Vote 40,135 (75.33%) - Lab 22,691 (56.54%); SNP 8,601 (21.43%); C 6,264 (15.61%); LD 2,433 (6.06%); Other 146 (0.36%); Lab Maj 14,090 (35.11%).

Frank Roy, b Aug 29, 1958. PA since 1994 to Helen Liddell, MP; previously steelworker, Ravenscraig. Ed Our Lady's HS, Motherwell; Glasgow Caledonian Univ.

O

OCHIL
Lab hold

Electorate 56,572 (55,483)		%Votes
+O'Neill, M J (Lab)	19,707	45.01
Reid, G (SNP)	15,055	34.38
Hogarth, A (C)	6,383	14.58
Watters, A (LD)	2,262	5.17
White, D (Ref)	210	0.48
McDonald, I (D Nat)	104	0.24
Sullivan, M (NLP)	65	0.15
Lab Majority	**4,652**	**10.62**

Total Vote 43,786 Turnout 77.40%
Swing Lab to SNP 3.19
1992: Total Vote 43,241 (77.94%) - Lab 18,620 (43.06%); SNP 11,270 (26.06%); C 10,367 (23.97%); LD 2,984 (6.90%); Lab Maj 7,350 (17.00%).

Martin O'Neill, b Jan 6, 1945. Became chair, Select Cttee on Trade and Industry in 1995; an Opposition spokesman on energy, 1992-95; chief spokesman on defence and disarmament and arms control, 1988-92; a spokesman on defence, 1984-88, and on Scotland, 1980-84. Member, Select Cmte on Scottish Affairs, 1979-80. MP for Clackmannan, 1983-97, and for Stirlingshire East and Clackmannan, 1979-83. Teacher of modern studies, Boroughmuir HS, Edinburgh, 1974-77; social science tutor, 1976-79. Ed Wardie Primary School; Trinity Acad; Heriot-Watt Univ; Moray House Coll of Ed, Edinburgh.

ORKNEY & SHETLAND
LD hold

Electorate 32,291 (31,837)		%Votes
*Wallace, J (LD)	10,743	51.99
Paton, J (Lab)	3,775	18.27
Ross, W (SNP)	2,624	12.70
Vere Anderson, H (C)	2,527	12.23
Adamson, F (Ref)	820	3.97
Wharton, C (NLP)	116	0.56
Robertson, A (Ind)	60	0.29
LD Majority	**6,968**	**33.72**

Total Vote 20,665 Turnout 64.00%
Swing Lab to LD 3.57
1992: Total Vote 20,626 (64.79%) - LD 9,575 (46.42%); C 4,542 (22.02%); Lab 4,093 (19.84%); SNP 2,301 (11.16%); NLP 115 (0.56%); LD Maj 5,033 (24.40%).

Jim Wallace, b Aug 25, 1954. Elected in 1983: contested Dumfries, 1979; Euro candidate for South Scotland, 1979. Leader of Scottish LDs since 1992. LD spokesman on energy and fisheries; maritime transport, 1994-; Scottish affairs, 1992-94; employment and training and LD chief whip, 1988-92. Lib chief whip, 1987-88; Lib and then LD spokesman on defence, 1985-88; Lib spokesman on energy, 1983-85; fisheries, 1983-87. Joint vice-chair, all-party Friends of Music group; UK Eurosolar group. Non-practising advocate; party adviser to Inst of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Party adviser, Procurators Fiscal Society in Scotland; director, Eurosolar Ltd (both unpaid). Ed Annan Acad, Dumfriesshire; Downing Coll, Cambridge; Edinburgh Univ.

P

PAISLEY NORTH
Lab hold

Electorate 49,725 (49,702)		%Votes
+Adams, I (Lab)	20,295	59.46
Mackay, I (SNP)	7,481	21.92
Brookes, K (C)	3,267	9.57
Jelfs, A (LD)	2,365	6.93
Graham, R (ProLife)	531	1.56
Mathew, E (Ref)	196	0.57
Lab Majority	**12,814**	**37.54**

Total Vote 34,135 Turnout 68.65%
Swing SNP to Lab 4.59
1992: Total Vote 36,713 (73.87%) - Lab 19,043 (51.87%); SNP 8,629 (23.50%); C 5,757 (15.68%); LD 2,828 (7.70%); Grn 381 (1.04%); NLP 75 (0.20%); Lab Maj 10,414 (28.37%).

Mrs Irene Adams, b Dec 27, 1947. Won this seat in 1990 by-election, succeeding her husband, Allen Adams. Member, Commons catering cttee, 1991-95; former vice-chair, children and family backbench cttee. Sec, Scottish housing and Scottish sports party groups. Paisley town cllr, 1970-74; Renfrew district cllr, 1974-78; Strathclyde Regional cllr, 1979-84. Became JP in 1971 aged 23. Ed Stanely Green HS, Paisley.

PAISLEY SOUTH
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 54,040 (53,800)		%Votes
+McMaster, G (Lab Co-op)	21,482	57.51
Martin, W (SNP)	8,732	23.38
McCartin, E (LD)	3,500	9.37
Reid, R (C)	3,237	8.67
Lardner, J (Ref)	254	0.68
Clerkin, S (SSA)	146	0.39
Lab Co-op Majority	**12,750**	**34.14**

Total Vote 37,351 Turnout 69.12%
Swing SNP to Lab Co-op 3.95
1992: Total Vote 39,894 (74.15%) - Lab Co-op 20,268 (50.80%); SNP 9,799 (24.56%); C 6,129 (15.36%); LD 3,548 (8.89%); NLP 150 (0.38%); Lab Co-op Maj 10,469 (26.24%).

Gordon McMaster, b Feb 13, 1960. Won this seat in 1990 by-election. Lab spokesman on disabled people's rights, 1995-97. Scottish Lab whip, 1992-94. Member, procedure select cttee, 1991-95; standing orders cttee, 1992-97. Former joint vice-chair, all-party gardening group. Chair, Co-op group of MPs. Renfrew district cllr, 1984-91. Former lecturer in horticulture. Ran employment training project for mentally handicapped. Ed Johnstone HS; Woodburn House FE Centre; West of Scotland Agricultural Coll; Jordanhill Coll of Ed.

PERTH
SNP gain from C

Electorate 60,313 (58,515)		%Votes
+Cunningham, R (SNP)	16,209	36.38
Godfrey, J (C)	13,068	29.33
Alexander, D (Lab)	11,036	24.77
Brodie, C (LD)	3,583	8.04
MacAuley, R (Ref)	366	0.82
Henderson, M M (UK Ind)	289	0.65
SNP Majority	**3,141**	**7.05**

Total Vote 44,551 Turnout 73.87%
Swing C to SNP 6.56
1992: Total Vote 44,880 (76.70%) - C 18,159 (40.46%); SNP 15,433 (34.39%); Lab 5,922 (13.20%); LD 5,366 (11.96%); C Maj 2,726 (6.07%).

Ms Roseanna Cunningham, b July 27, 1951. Won Perth and Kinross from C in 1995 by-election; contested that seat in 1992. Non-practising advocate and former local authority solicitor. Party spokesman on environment, leisure and sport. Member, SNP nat exec. Solicitor employed by Dumbarton District Council, 1983-86, and with Glasgow District Council, 1986-89. Former Nalgo shop steward. Entered private practice with firm of solicitors in 1989 until called as Advocate in Dec 1990. Ed Univ of Western Australia; Edinburgh and Aberdeen Univs.

R

RENFREWSHIRE WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 52,348 (51,833)		%Votes
+Graham, T (Lab)	18,525	46.56
Campbell, C (SNP)	10,546	26.51
Cormack, C (C)	7,387	18.57
MacPherson, B (LD)	3,045	7.65
Lindsay, S (Ref)	283	0.71
Lab Majority	**7,979**	**20.05**

Total Vote 39,786 Turnout 76.00%
Swing Lab to SNP 1.10
1992: Total Vote 40,064 (77.29%) - Lab 17,174 (42.87%); C 11,126 (27.78%); SNP 8,258 (20.61%); LD 3,376 (8.42%); Other 129 (0.32%); Lab Maj 6,046 (15.09%).

Thomas Graham, b Dec 5, 1943. Gained Renfrew West and Inverclyde in 1987. Former office manager of firm of solicitors; former engineer with Rolls-Royce. Strathclyde Regional cllr, 1978-87. Ed Crookston Castle School, Pollok; Stow Coll of Engineering.

ROSS, SKYE & INVERNESS WEST
LD hold

Electorate 55,639 (52,810)		%Votes
+Kennedy, C P (LD)	15,472	38.72
Munro, D (Lab)	11,453	28.66
Paterson, M (SNP)	7,821	19.57
Macleod, M (C)	4,368	10.93
Durance, L (Ref)	535	1.34
Hopkins, A (Green)	306	0.77
LD Majority	**4,019**	**10.06**

Total Vote 39,955 Turnout 71.81%
Swing LD to Lab 4.88
1992: Total Vote 38,669 (73.22%) - LD 14,957 (38.68%); C 8,452 (21.86%); Lab 7,296 (18.87%); SNP 7,276 (18.82%); Other 688 (1.78%); LD Maj 6,505 (16.82%).

Charles Kennedy, b Nov 25, 1959. Journalist; associate editor, The House Magazine. Won Ross, Cromarty and Skye in 1983 for SDP/All and became LD MP in 1988. President of the Liberal Democrats, 1990-94. Chair, SDP Council for Scotland, 1986-88. LD spokesman on European Union affairs from 1992: health, 1989-92; trade and industry, 1988-89; social security, 1987; SDP spokesman on health and social security and on Scotland, 1983-87. Joint vice-chair, all-party Future of Europe group. Ed Lochaber HS, Fort William; Glasgow Univ (SU pres 1980-81); Indiana Univ.

ROXBURGH & BERWICKSHIRE
LD hold

Electorate 47,259 (47,068)		%Votes
+Kirkwood, A (LD)	16,243	46.50
Younger, D (C)	8,337	23.87
Eadie, H S (Lab)	5,226	14.96
Balfour, M (SNP)	3,959	11.33
Curtis, J (Ref)	922	2.64
Neilson, P T (UK Ind)	202	0.58
Lucas, D (NLP)	42	0.12
LD Majority	**7,906**	**22.63**

Total Vote 34,931 Turnout 73.91%
Swing C to LD 5.16
1992: Total Vote 36,172 (76.85%) - LD 16,807 (46.46%); C 12,354 (34.15%); SNP 3,844 (10.63%); Lab 3,167 (8.76%); LD Maj 4,453 (12.31%).

Archy Kirkwood, b April 22, 1946. Notary Public; solicitor. Elected 1983, becoming LD MP 1988. LD chief whip 1992-, and spokesman on community care 1994-97; social security 1992-94; welfare and dep chief whip 1989-92; overseas development and Scottish whip 1987-89; health and social security 1983-87. Treas, all-party party group on Aids; West Coast Main Line group; joint vice-chair, wool textile group; Commons finance and services cttee 1992-; selection select cttee 1992-97. Member, Court of Referees, 1987-; unpaid dir, Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust; London Moscow Foundation; Family Budget Unit. Ed Cranhill Sec, Glasgow; Heriot-Watt Univ (former union pres).

S

STIRLING
Lab gain from C

Electorate 52,491 (51,902)		%Votes
McGuire, A (Lab)	20,382	47.45
+Forsyth, M (C)	13,971	32.52
Dow, E G (SNP)	5,752	13.39
Tough, A (LD)	2,675	6.23
McMurdo, W (UK Ind)	154	0.36
Olsen, E (Value)	24	0.06
Lab Majority	**6,411**	**14.92**

Total Vote 42,958 Turnout 81.84%
Swing C to Lab 7.74
1992: Total Vote 42,387 (81.67%) - C 16,607 (39.18%); Lab 16,371 (38.62%); SNP 6,145 (14.50%); LD 2,854 (6.73%); Grn 342 (0.81%); Loony 68 (0.16%); C Maj 236 (0.56%).

Mrs Anne McGuire, b May 26, 1949. Chair, Lab Party Scotland, 1992-93 member, Scottish exec. 1984-; Scottish Council of GMB; Co-op Party, party agent to Norman Hogg, MP, 1979-92. Dep dir, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations. Ed Our Lady and St Francis Sec, Glasgow; Glasgow Univ.

STRATHKELVIN & BEARSDEN
Lab hold

Electorate 62,974 (63,483)		%Votes
+Galbraith, S (Lab)	26,278	58.77
Sharpe, D (C)	9,986	22.33
Morrison, J (LD)	4,843	10.83
McCormick, G (SNP)	3,111	6.96
Wilson, D (Ref)	339	0.76
Fisher, J (NLP)	155	0.35
Lab Majority	**16,292**	**36.44**

Total Vote 44,712 Turnout 71.00%
Swing C to Lab 11.45
1992: Total Vote 51,326 (80.85%) - Lab 23,658 (46.09%); C 16,710 (32.56%); SNP 6,621 (12.90%); LD 4,252 (8.28%); NLP 85 (0.17%); Lab Maj 6,948 (13.54%).

Sam Galbraith, b Oct 18, 1945. Won this seat 1987. Lab spokesman on employment 1992-93; health 1988-92; Scotland 1988-92. Was consultant neurosurgeon, Inst of Neurological Sciences, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow; consultant in neurosurgery, Greater Glasgow Health Board, 1978-87. Former pres, Medical Practitioners Union and of exec cttee of ASTMS (now merged MSF). MSF. Ed Greenock HS; Glasgow Univ.

T

TAYSIDE NORTH
SNP gain from C

Electorate 61,398 (59,628)		%Votes
Swinney, J (SNP)	20,447	44.85
+Walker, B (C)	16,287	35.72
McFatridge, I (Lab)	5,141	11.28
Regent, P F (LD)	3,716	8.15
SNP Majority	**4,160**	**9.12**

Total Vote 45,591 Turnout 74.25%
Swing C to SNP 8.35
1992: Total Vote 45,368 (76.09%) - C 21,036 (46.37%); SNP 17,597 (38.79%); LD 3,579 (7.89%); Lab 3,156 (6.96%); C Maj 3,439 (7.58%).

John Swinney, b Apr 13, 1964. Contested this seat in 1992. Managing consultant, former strategic planner. Vice-convenor for publicity SNP 1992-, nat sec of SNP 1986-92, asst nat sec 1984-86, sec Young Scottish Nats 1982-84, director SNP Euro election unit 1988-89. ed Forrester HS, Edinburgh; Edinburgh Univ.

TWEEDDALE, ETTRICK & LAUDERDALE
LD hold

Electorate 50,891 (50,228)		%Votes
Moore, M (LD)	12,178	31.22
Geddes, K (Lab)	10,689	27.41
Jack, A (C)	8,623	22.11
Goldie, I (SNP)	6,671	17.10
Mowbray, C (Ref)	406	1.04
Hein, J (Lib)	387	0.99
Paterson, D (NLP)	47	0.12
LD Majority	**1,489**	**3.82**

Total Vote 39,001 Turnout 76.64%
Swing LD to Lab 7.40
1992: Total Vote 39,820 (79.26%) - LD 13,953 (35.04%); C 12,218 (30.68%); SNP 6,835 (17.16%); Lab 6,538 (16.42%); Lib 276 (0.69%); LD Maj 1,735 (4.36%).

Michael Moore, b June 3, 1965. Chartered accountant. Scottish LD spokesman on small business/employment, research assistant to Archy Kirkwood MP 1987-88. Member, Amnesty International. Ed Strathallan School, Jedburgh GS, Edinburgh Univ.

W

WESTERN ISLES
Lab hold

Electorate 22,983 (23,015)		%Votes
*Macdonald, C A (Lab)	8,955	55.60
Gillies, A (SNP)	5,379	33.40
McGrigor, J (C)	1,071	6.65
Mitchison, N (LD)	495	3.07
Lionel, R (Ref)	206	1.28
Lab Majority	**3,576**	**22.20**

Total Vote 16,106 Turnout 70.08%
Swing SNP to Lab 5.79
1992: Total Vote 16,030 (69.65%) - Lab 7,664 (47.81%); SNP 5,961 (37.19%); C 1,362 (8.50%); LD 552 (3.44%); Ind 491 (3.06%); Lab Maj 1,703 (10.62%).

Calum Macdonald, b May 7, 1956. Elected for this seat 1987 and joined agriculture select cttee. Jt vice-chair of PLP agriculture cttee 1987-89, chair PLP treasury and civil service cttee 1988-90. Jt chair all-party future of Europe party group, Jt vice-chair coastal group, Bosnian group, world gvt group. Unpaid director, Future of Europe Trust, a company limited by guarantee. Former teaching fellow in political philosophy, Univ of California. Member TGWU and Crofters Union. Ed Bayble School, Nicolson Inst, Edinburgh Univ.

WALES

ABERAVON
Lab hold

Electorate 50,025 (52,038)		%Votes
*Morris, J (Lab)	25,650	71.32
McConville, R (LD)	4,079	11.34
Harper, P (C)	2,835	7.88
Cockwell, P (PC)	2,088	5.81
David, P (Ref)	970	2.70
Beany, C (Beanus)	341	0.95
Lab Majority	**21,571**	**59.98**

Total Vote 35,963 Turnout 71.89%
Swing LD to Lab 2.69
1992: Total Vote 40,069 (77.00%) - Lab 26,877 (67.08%); C 5,567 (13.89%); LD 4,999 (12.48%); PC 1,919 (4.79%); Real Bean 707 (1.76%); Lab Maj 21,310 (53.18%).

John Morris, QC, b Nov 5, 1931. Barrister, Recorder of Crown Court, 1982-. Elected 1959. Chief Lab spokesman on legal affairs since 1983; Sec of State for Wales, 1974-79. On back benches 1981-83 after spell as spokesman on Wales and then legal affairs: defence spokesman 1970-74; Min of Defence for Equipment, 1968-70; Privy Counsellor 1970; Party Sec, Min of Transport, 1966-68, and Min of Power, 1964-66. Member, privileges select cttee 1994-95 and previously. Ed Univ Coll of Wales, Aberystwyth; Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge; Acad of International Law, The Hague.

ALYN & DEESIDE
Lab hold

Electorate 58,091 (57,815)		%Votes
+Jones, B (Lab)	25,955	61.87
Roberts, T (C)	9,552	22.77
Burnham, E (LD)	4,076	9.72
Jones, M (Ref)	1,627	3.88
Hills, S (PC)	738	1.76
Lab Majority	**16,403**	**39.10**

Total Vote 41,948 Turnout 72.21%
Swing C to Lab 12.53
1992: Total Vote 45,508 (78.71%) - Lab 23,157 (50.89%); C 16,770 (36.85%); LD 4,431 (9.74%); PC 517 (1.14%); Grn 433 (0.95%); Ind 200 (0.44%); Lab Maj 6,387 (14.03%).

Barry Jones, b June 1, 1938. Teacher and ex-regional organiser. MP for E Flint 1970-83, for this seat 1983-; contested Northwich 1966. Chief Lab spokesman on Wales 1988-92 and 1983-87; employment spokesman 1980-83. Under Sec for Wales 1974-79. Member, Commons chairmen's panel; Commons intelligence and security cttee; Public Accounts Cttee 1979-82. NUT. Ed Hawarden GS; University Coll of North Wales.

B

BLAENAU GWENT
Lab hold

Electorate 54,800 (56,170)		%Votes
*Smith, L (Lab)	31,493	79.47
Layton, G (LD)	3,458	8.73
Williams, M (C)	2,607	6.58
Criddle, J (PC)	2,072	5.23
Lab Majority	**28,035**	**70.74**

Total Vote 39,630 Turnout 72.32%
Swing Lab to LD 0.93
1992: Total Vote 43,472 (77.39%) - Lab 34,333 (78.98%); C 4,266 (9.81%); LD 2,774 (6.38%); PC 2,099 (4.83%); Lab Maj 30,067 (69.16%).

Llewellyn Smith, b April 16, 1944. Elected for this seat 1992. MEP for SE Wales 1984-94, and served on Euro Parliament cttee on energy, research and technology, and cttee on economic and monetary affairs and industrial policy. Ex-labourer with Pilkington Glass and George Wimpey; computer operator with British Steel; tutor-organiser, WEA. Former chair, Abertillery CLP and exec member, Welsh Lab Party. Ed Cardiff Univ.

BRECON & RADNORSHIRE
LD gain from C

Electorate 52,142 (52,488)		%Votes
Livsey, R (LD)	17,516	40.85
*Evans, J (C)	12,419	28.96
Mann, C J (Lab)	11,424	26.64
Phillips, L (Ref)	900	2.10
Cornelius, S (PC)	622	1.45
LD Majority	**5,097**	**11.89**

Total Vote 42,881 Turnout 82.24%
Swing C to LD 6.09
1992: Total Vote 44,269 (84.34%) - C 15,977 (36.09%); LD 15,847 (35.80%); Lab 11,634 (26.28%); PC 418 (0.94%); Grn 393 (0.89%); C Maj 130 (0.29%).

Richard Livsey, b May 2, 1935. Retired farmer and lecturer in farm management. MP for Brecon and Radnor from 1985 by-election until defeated 1992. Contested seat 1983; Pembroke 1979; Perth and E Perthshire 1970. Ex-leader, Welsh LDs; LD spokesman on Wales 1987-92, and on water 1988-89; Alliance spokesman on countryside in 1987 election; L spokesman on Wales 1987; on agriculture 1985-87. Member, Welsh select cttee, 1987-92. Ed Dedales School; Seale-Hayne Agricultural Coll; Reading Univ.

BRIDGEND
Lab hold

Electorate 59,721 (59,434)		%Votes
*Griffiths, W (Lab)	25,115	58.05
Davies, D T C (C)	9,867	22.81
McKinlay, A (LD)	4,968	11.48
Greaves, T (Ref)	1,662	3.84
Watkins, D (PC)	1,649	3.81
Lab Majority	**15,248**	**35.25**

Total Vote 43,261 Turnout 72.44%
Swing C to Lab 9.84
1992: Total Vote 47,068 (79.23%) - Lab 24,143 (51.27%); C 16,817 (35.71%); LD 4,827 (10.25%); PC 1,301 (2.76%); Lab Maj 7,326 (15.56%).

Win Griffiths, b Feb 11, 1943 MEP for South Wales 1979-89; a vice-pres, Euro Parliament, 1984-87. Won this seat 1987. Lab spokesman on Wales 1994-; on education 1992-94; on environmental protection 1990-92. Treas, all-party fairs and showgrounds group. Chair, PLP ed, science and arts cttee, 1988-90. Vale of Glamorgan borough cllr 1973-76; Dinas Powys community council 1974-79. Methodist lay preacher since 1966. Former teacher. Ed Brecon Boys' GS; Univ Coll, Cardiff.

C

CAERNARFON
PC hold

Electorate 46,815 (47,095)		%Votes
*Wigley, D (PC)	17,616	51.80
Williams, E (Lab)	9,667	28.42
Williams, E (C)	4,230	12.44
McQueen, M (LD)	1,686	4.96
Collins, C (Ref)	811	2.38
PC Majority	**7,949**	**23.37**

Total Vote 34,010 Turnout 72.65%
Swing PC to Lab 10.06
1992: Total Vote 36,317 (77.11%) - PC 21,439 (59.03%); C 6,963 (19.17%); Lab 5,641 (15.53%); LD 2,101 (5.79%); NLP 173 (0.48%); PC Maj 14,476 (39.86%).

Dafydd Wigley, b April 1, 1943. Won seat Feb 1974. Contested Merioneth 1970; Wales North in 1994 Euro elections. Pres of Plaid Cymru 1991- and 1981-84; also PC party leader. Member, Welsh select cttee, 1983-87. Vice-chair, all-party human genetics group: disablement group 1992-; treas, all-party osteoporosis group, 1996-. Sponsored Disabled Persons Act 1981. Merthyr cllr 1972-74. Pres, Spastics Soc of Wales, 1985-90; vice-pres, Wales Council for the Disabled. Ex-industrial economist, financial controller. Member, Nat Cttee for Electoral Reform. Ed Caernarfon GS; Rydal School, Colwyn Bay; Manchester Univ. Fellow, Univ of Wales, Bangor, 1994.

CAERPHILLY
Lab hold

Electorate 64,621 (69,022)		%Votes
*Davies, R (Lab)	30,697	67.81
Harris, R (C)	4,858	10.73
Whittle, L (PC)	4,383	9.68
Ferguson, A (LD)	3,724	8.23
Morgan, M (Ref)	1,337	2.95
Williams, C (ProLife)	270	0.60
Lab Majority	**25,839**	**57.08**

Total Vote 45,269 Turnout 70.05%
Swing C to Lab 5.79
1992: Total Vote 49,822 (72.18%) - Lab 31,713 (63.65%); C 9,041 (18.15%); PC 4,821 (9.68%); LD 4,247 (8.52%); Lab Maj 22,672 (45.51%).

Ron Davies, b Aug 6, 1946. Elected 1983. Chief Lab spokesman on Wales 1993. Elected to Shadow Cabinet 1992; Lab spokesman on food, agriculture and rural affairs 1987-93; Lab whip 1985-87. Chair, 1990-91, and vice-chair, 1989-90, Welsh group of Lab MPs. Contested election for Lab chief whip 1988. Further ed adviser, Mid Glamorgan County Council, 1974-83; tutor-organiser, WEA, 1970-74; teacher 1968-70. Bedwas and Machen cllr and Rhymney Valley cllr 1969-84. Sponsored by Unison 1992. Ed Bassaleg GS; Portsmouth Poly; Univ Coll of Wales, Cardiff.

CARDIFF CENTRAL
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 60,354 (58,724)		%Votes
*Owen Jones, J (Lab Co-op)	18,464	43.70
Randerson, J (LD)	10,541	24.95
Melding, D (C)	8,470	20.05
Burns, T (Soc Lab)	2,230	5.28
Vernon, W (PC)	1,504	3.56
Lloyd, N (Ref)	760	1.80
James, C (Loony)	204	0.48
Hobbs, A (NLP)	80	0.19
Lab Co-op Majority	**7,923**	**18.75**

Total Vote 42,253 Turnout 70.01%
Swing Lab Co-op to LD 0.93
1992: Total Vote 42,916 (73.08%) - Lab Co-op 18,014 (41.98%); C 14,549 (33.90%); LD 9,170 (21.37%); PC 748 (1.74%); Grn 330 (0.77%); NLP 105 (0.24%); Lab Co-op Maj 3,465 (8.07%).

Jon Owen Jones, b April 19, 1954. Ex-teacher. Won this seat 1992; contested it 1987. Lab whip 1993. Ex-Cardiff cllr. Pres, Mid Glamorgan NUT, 1986. Science and biology teacher 1977-92. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelin; Norwich Univ; Univ Coll of Wales, Cardiff.

CARDIFF NORTH
Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,430 (57,223)		%Votes
Morgan, J (Lab)	24,460	50.45
*Jones, G (C)	16,334	33.69
Rowland, R (LD)	5,294	10.92
Palfrey, C (PC)	1,201	2.48
Litchfield, E (Ref)	1,199	2.47
Lab Majority	**8,126**	**16.76**

Total Vote 48,488 Turnout 80.24%
Swing C to Lab 11.49
1992: Total Vote 47,735 (83.42%) - C 21,547 (45.14%); Lab 18,578 (38.92%); LD 6,487 (13.59%); PC 916 (1.92%); BNP 121 (0.25%); NLP 86 (0.18%); C Maj 2,969 (6.22%).

Ms Julie Morgan, b Nov 2, 1944. Asst director, Childcare, Barnardo's Wales. Contested this seat 1992. Ex-Cardiff and S Glamorgan cllr. Ex-principal social services officer, West Glamorgan. Member, management cttee, S Glamorgan women's workshop, computer training centre. Ed London, Manchester and Cardiff Univs. Married to Rhodri Morgan, MP for Cardiff W.

CARDIFF SOUTH & PENARTH
Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 61,838 (62,216)		%Votes
*Michael, A (Lab Co-op)	22,647	53.41
Roberts, C (C)	8,766	20.67
Wakefield, S (LD)	3,964	9.35
Foreman, J (N Lab)	3,942	9.30
Haswell, D B (PC)	1,356	3.20
Morgan, P (Ref)	1,211	2.86
Shepherd, M (Soc)	344	0.81
Caves, B (NLP)	170	0.40
Lab Co-op Majority	**13,881**	**32.74**

Total Vote 42,400 Turnout 68.57%
Swing C to Lab Co-op 5.40
1992: Total Vote 47,500 (76.35%) - Lab Co-op 26,383 (55.54%); C 15,958 (33.60%); LD 3,707 (7.80%); PC 776 (1.63%); Grn 676 (1.42%); Lab Co-op Maj 10,425 (21.95%).

Alun Michael, b Aug 22, 1943. Elected 1987. Lab spokesman on home affairs 1992; spokesman on Wales 1988-92; political co-ordinator for Vale of Glamorgan, Neath and Monmouth 1991 by-elections. Lab whip 1987-88. Chair, Welsh group of Lab MPs, 1995-; Co-op group of MPs 1988-92; all-party penal affairs party group; alcohol misuse group. Vice-chair, British-German group; ex-chair, Somalia group. Youth and community worker, Cardiff, 1972-84. Cardiff city cllr 1973-89. Member, nat exec, Co-op Party, 1988-92. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1992. Ed Colwyn Bay GS; Keele Univ.

CARDIFF WEST
Lab hold

Electorate 58,198 (59,470)		%Votes
+Morgan, R (Lab)	24,297	60.32
Hoare, S (C)	8,669	21.52
Gasson, J (LD)	4,366	10.84
Carr, G (PC)	1,949	4.84
Johns, T (Ref)	996	2.47
Lab Majority	**15,628**	**38.80**

Total Vote 40,277 Turnout 69.21%
Swing C to Lab 9.24
1992: Total Vote 45,711 (76.86%) - Lab 24,319 (53.20%); C 15,028 (32.88%); LD 5,002 (10.94%); PC 1,178 (2.58%); NLP 184 (0.40%); Lab Maj 9,291 (20.33%).

Rhodri Morgan, b Sep 29, 1939. Elected 1987. Industrial analyst. Became Lab spokesman on Wales 1992; on energy 1988-92. Member, select cttes on energy, 1987-89; members' interests 1987-89. Vice-chair, all-party asthma party group; treas, Lords and Commons tennis club group. Head of bureau for press and information, EC Commission Office for Wales, 1980-87; adviser to Lab Party economic planning cttes in Wales; economic development officer for S Glamorgan County Council, 1974-80; economic adviser, DTI, 1972-74. Sponsored by TGWU 1992. Ed state schools in Cardiff; St John's Coll, Oxford; Harvard Univ. Married to Julie Morgan, Lab candidate for Cardiff N.

CARMARTHEN EAST & DINEFWR
Lab hold

Electorate 53,079 (53,256)		%Votes
+Williams, A (Lab)	17,907	42.91
Thomas, R (PC)	14,457	34.64
Hayward, E R (C)	5,022	12.03
Hughes, J M (LD)	3,150	7.55
Humphreys-Evans, I (Ref)	1,196	2.87
Lab Majority	**3,450**	**8.27**

Total Vote 41,732 Turnout 78.62%
Swing Lab to PC 2.09
1992: Total Vote 44,096 (82.80%) - Lab 18,305 (41.51%); PC 12,815 (29.06%); C 8,953 (20.30%); LD 4,023 (9.12%); Lab Maj 5,490 (12.45%).

Dr Alan Wynne Williams, b Dec 21, 1945. MP for Carmarthen 1987-97. Member, select cttees on science and tech, 1992-97; Welsh affairs 1987-92; Consolidation Bills 1987-92. Joint vice-chair, PLP environment cttee, 1990-. Senior lecturer in environmental science, Trinity Coll, Carmarthen, 1971-87. Sec, Carmarthen Lab Party, 1981-84. Member, NATFHE. Ed Carmarthen GS; Jesus Coll, Oxford.

CARMARTHEN WEST & PEMBROKESHIRE SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 55,724 (55,383)		%Votes
+Ainger, N R (Lab)	20,956	[illegible]
Williams, O (C)	11,335	[illegible]
Llewellyn, D J R (PC)	5,402	12.67
Evans, K (LD)	3,516	8.25
Poirrier, J (Ref)	1,432	3.36
Lab Majority	**9,621**	[illegible]

Total Vote 42,641 Turnout 76.52%
Swing C to Lab 9.76
1992: Total Vote 43,036 (77.69%) - Lab 16,588 (38.55%); C 15,278 (35.50%); PC 6,497 (15.10%); LD 4,672 (10.86%); Lab Maj 1,310 (3.04%).

Nick Ainger, b Oct 24, 1949. MP for Pembroke 1992-97. Member, Welsh affairs select cttee. Dyfed cllr 1981-92. Rigger, Marine and Port Services Ltd, Pembroke Dock, 1977-92. Member, TGWU (senior shop steward and branch sec 1978-92). Ed Netherthorpe GS, Staveley.

CEREDIGION
PC hold

Electorate 54,378 (54,487)		%Votes
+Dafis, C G (PC)	16,728	41.63
Harris, R (Lab)	9,767	[illegible]
Davies, D (LD)	6,616	16.46
Aubel, F F E (C)	5,983	14.89
Leaney, J (Ref)	1,092	2.72
PC Majority	**6,961**	[illegible]

Total Vote 40,186 Turnout [illegible]
Swing Lab to PC 2.47
1992: Total Vote 42,482 (77.96%) - [illegible] 13,144 (30.95%); LD 11,251 (26.50%); C 10,178 (23.97%); Lab 7,888 (18.58%); PC Maj 1,893 (4.46%).

Cynog Dafis, b April 1, 1938. Won Ceredigion and Pembroke N 1992; contested it 1983 and 1987. Member, Welsh affairs select cttee 1995-97; sec, all-party UK Eurosolar party group; joint vice-chair, warm homes group; ex-joint vice-chair, all-party environment group. Researcher, University Coll, Swansea, 1991-92; English teacher Dyffryn Comp, Llandysul, 1984-91; Aberaeron Comp 1980-84; Newcastle Emlyn Sec Mod 1962-80. Ed Aberavon County Sec; Neath Boys' GS; University Coll of Wales, Aberystwyth.

CLWYD SOUTH
Lab hold

Electorate 53,495 (53,983)		%Votes
+Jones, M (Lab)	22,901	58.15
Johnson, B (C)	9,091	23.08
Chadwick, A (LD)	3,684	9.35
Williams, G V (PC)	2,500	6.35
Lewis, A (Ref)	1,207	3.06
Lab Majority	**13,810**	**35.07**

Total Vote 39,383 Turnout 73.62%
Swing C to Lab 7.76
1992: Total Vote 42,637 (79.01%) - Lab 21,229 (49.79%); C 12,897 (30.25%); LD 4,727 (11.09%); PC 3,394 (7.96%); Other 390 (0.91%); Lab Maj 8,332 (19.54%).

Martyn Jones, b March 1, 1947. Microbiologist. Elected MP for Clwyd SW 1987; Lab spokesman on agric 1994-95; member, agric select cttee 1987-94 and 1995-97, chair 1987-94, and vice-chair 1995-97; PLP agric cttee. Campaign officer 1995-, and former chair, Welsh group of Lab MPs; Lab whip 1988-92. Clwyd county cllr 1981-89. Worked in brewing industry 1969-87; member, Inst of Biology. Ex-area rep TGWU and sponsored by same union 1992. Ed Grove Park GS, Wrexham; Liverpool and Trent Polys.

CLWYD WEST
Lab gain from C

Electorate 53,467 (53,827)		%Votes
Thomas, G (Lab)	14,918	37.06
+Richards, R (C)	13,076	32.47
Williams, E (PC)	5,421	13.47
Williams, W G (LD)	5,151	12.80
Collins, H (Ref)	1,114	2.77
Neal, D (Gvly)	583	1.45
Lab Majority	**1,848**	**4.59**

Total Vote 40,257 Turnout 75.29%
Swing C to Lab 11.10
1992: Total Vote 41,534 (77.16%) - C 20,132 (48.47%); Lab 12,819 (30.86%); LD 6,526 (15.71%); PC 1,906 (4.59%); Other 151 (0.36%); C Maj 7,313 (17.61%).

Gareth Thomas, b Sept 25, 1954. Barrister. Flintshire county cllr 1995-. Member, MSF; Fabian Soc. Ed Rock Ferry HS, Birkenhead; Univ of Wales, Aberystwyth.

CONWY
Lab gain from C

Electorate 55,092 (54,469)		%Votes
Williams, B H (Lab)	14,561	[illegible]
Roberts, R (LD)	12,965	[illegible]
Jones, D I (C)	10,085	24.27
Davies, R (PC)	2,844	6.84
Barham, A (Ref)	760	1.83
Bradley, R (Alt LD)	250	0.60
Hughes, D (NLP)	95	0.23
Lab Majority	**1,596**	**3.84**

Total Vote 41,580 Turnout 75.44%
Swing LD to Lab 4.73
1992: Total Vote 42,247 (77.56%) - C 14,250 (33.73%); LD 13,255 (31.38%); Lab 10,883 (25.76%); PC 3,108 (7.36%); Ind C 637 (1.51%); NLP 114 (0.27%); C Maj 995 (2.36%).

Mrs Betty Williams, b July 31, 1944. Freelance media researcher. Contested this seat 1992 and 1987 and Caernarfon 1983. Ex-Gwynedd county cllr; Arfon borough cllr 1970-91 (Mayor 1990-91). Former chair, Nat Eisteddfod finance cttee. Ed Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle.

CYNON VALLEY
Lab hold

Electorate 48,286 (50,028)		%Votes
*Clwyd, A (Lab)	23,307	69.73
Davies, A (PC)	3,552	10.63
Price, H (LD)	3,459	10.35
Smith, A (C)	2,262	6.77
John, G (Ref)	844	2.53
Lab Majority	**19,755**	**59.10**

Total Vote 33,424 Turnout 69.22%
Swing PC to Lab 0.51
1992: Total Vote 37,997 (75.96%) - Lab 26,254 (69.09%); C 4,890 (12.87%); PC 4,186 (11.02%); LD 2,667 (7.02%); Lab Maj 21,364 (56.23%).

Mrs Ann Clwyd, b March 21, 1937. Broadcaster and journalist. Elected 1984 by-election; contested Gloucester Oct 1974; Denbigh 1970. MEP for Mid and West Wales 1979-84. Contested deputy leadership of Lab Party 1992. Member, Shadow Cabinet, 1989-93. Lab spokesman on foreign affairs and assistant to John Prescott, dep Lab leader, 1994-95; on employment 1993-94; nat heritage 1992-93; Wales 1992; overseas development 1989-92; education 1987-88; women's rights 1987-88. Member, Euro legislation select cttee, 1987-88. Sec, all-party British-Portugal party group, 1996-. Chair, PLP health and social security cttee, 1985-87; joint vice-chair, PLP defence cttee, 1985-87. On Lab Party NEC 1983-84. Vice-chair, Arts Council of Wales, 1975-79; Arts Council of Great Britain, 1975-80. Party and political adviser to IPMS. Member, Royal Commission on NHS, 1976-79; NUJ. Ed Holywell GS; Queen's School, Chester; University Coll, Bangor.

D

DELYN
Lab hold

Electorate 53,693 (54,713)		%Votes
+Hanson, D (Lab)	22,300	56.11
Lumley, K E (C)	10,607	26.69
Lloyd, P (LD)	4,160	10.47
Drake, A (PC)	1,558	3.92
Soutter, E (Ref)	1,117	2.81
Lab Majority	**11,693**	**29.42**

Total Vote 39,742 Turnout 74.02%
Swing C to Lab 11.10
1992: Total Vote 43,972 (80.37%) - Lab 20,606 (46.86%); C 17,428 (39.63%); LD 4,822 (10.97%); PC 1,116 (2.54%); Lab Maj 3,178 (7.23%).

David Hanson, b July 5, 1957. Gained this seat for Lab 1992; contested it 1987, Eddisbury 1983 and Cheshire West in 1984 Euro elections. Member, Welsh affairs select cttee, 1992-95; public service select cttee 1996-97; sec, PLP national heritage cttee, 1994-; all-party prevention of solvent abuse party group. Vale Royal borough cllr 1983-92 (leader, Lab group, 1990-92); Northwich town cllr 1987-91. Director of national charity, Soc for Prevention of Solvent Abuse, 1989-92.

ELECTION 97 RESULTS

G

GOWER

Lab hold

Electorate 57,691 (58,399)		%Votes
Caton, M (Lab)	23,313	53.80
Cairns, A (C)	10,306	23.78
Evans, H (LD)	5,624	12.98
Williams, E (PC)	2,226	5.14
Lewis, R (Ref)	1,745	4.03
Popham, A (FP)	122	0.28
Lab Majority	**13,007**	**30.01**

Total Vote 43,336 Turnout 75.12%
Swing C to Lab 7.49

1992: Total Vote 46,852 (80.24%) - Lab 23,485 (50.13%); C 16,437 (35.08%); LD 4,555 (9.94%); PC 1,639 (3.50%); Grn 448 (0.96%); Loony G 114 (0.24%); NLP 74 (0.16%); Lab Maj 7,048 (15.04%).

Martin Caton, b June 15, 1951. *Political assistant*/researcher to MEP for South Wales West; former scientific officer, Welsh Plant Breeding Station. Ex-Swansea city cllr; now Swansea UA cllr. Ed Newport GS, Essex; Norfolk School of Agriculture; Aberystwyth Coll of FE.

I

ISLWYN

Lab Co-op hold

Electorate 50,540 (51,827)		%Votes
*Touhig, D (Lab Co-op)	26,995	74.15
Worker, C (LD)	3,064	8.42
Walters, R (C)	2,864	7.87
Jones, D (PC)	2,272	6.24
Monaghan, S (Ref)	1,209	3.32
Lab Co-op Majority	**23,931**	**65.74**

Total Vote 36,404 Turnout 72.03%
Swing Lab Co-op to LD 1.46

1992: Total Vote 41,593 (80.10%) - Lab Co-op 30,908 (74.31%); C 6,180 (14.86%); LD 2,352 (5.65%); PC 1,606 (3.86%); Loony 547 (1.32%); Lab Co-op Maj 24,728 (59.45%).

Don Touhig, b Dec 5, 1947. Journalist. Won 1995 by-election following appointment of Neil Kinnock as European Commissioner. Member, select cttee on Welsh affairs, 1995-97; sec, Welsh group of Lab MPs, 1995-; chair, all-party alcohol misuse *group, 1996-. Gen manager*, Free Press Group, 1988-92; with Bailey Group 1992-93, and Bailey Print 1993-95. Party adviser to Police Fed. Member, Co-op Party; TGWU; Mencap; Mensa. Sponsored by Co-op Party 1995. Ed St Francis School, Aberyschan; E Monmouth Coll, Pontypool.

L

LLANELLI

Lab hold

Electorate 58,323 (59,729)		%Votes
+Davies, D (Lab)	23,851	57.88
Phillips, M (PC)	7,812	18.96
Hayes, A (C)	5,003	12.14
Burree, N (LD)	3,788	9.19
Willock, J (Soc Lab)	757	1.84
Lab Majority	**16,039**	**38.92**

Total Vote 41,211 Turnout 70.66%
Swing PC to Lab 0.08

1992: Total Vote 46,110 (77.20%) - Lab 25,122 (54.48%); C 7,851 (17.03%); PC 7,253 (15.73%); LD 5,884 (12.76%); Lab Maj 17,271 (37.46%).

Denzil Davies, b Oct 9, 1938. Barrister. Elected 1970. Member, Shadow Cabinet, 1985-88; Public Accounts Cttee 1991-. Chief Lab spokesman on defence and disarmament and arms control 1983-88, when he resigned; chief spokesman on Wales 1983; spokesman on defence 1982-83, on FCO affairs 1981-82, and on Treasury and economic affairs 1979-81; Min of State, Treasury, 1975-79. Privy Counsellor 1978. *Member*, select cttee on Euro legislation 1974-75; on wealth tax 1974-75; also select cttee on corporation tax and joint select cttee on delegated legislation. Lectured at Chicago and Leeds Univs. Ed Carmarthen GS; Pembroke Coll, Oxford.

M

MEIRIONNYDD NANT CONWY

PC hold

Electorate 32,345 (32,866)		%Votes
*Llwyd, E (PC)	12,465	50.72
Rees, H (Lab)	5,660	23.03
Quin, J (C)	3,922	15.96
Feeley, B (LD)	1,719	6.99
Hodge, P (Ref)	809	3.29
PC Majority	**6,805**	**27.69**

Total Vote 24,575 Turnout 75.98%
Swing Lab to PC 1.29

1992: Total Vote 26,410 (80.36%) - PC 11,608 (43.95%); C 6,995 (26.49%); Lab 4,978 (18.85%); LD 2,358 (8.93%); Grn 471 (1.78%); PC Maj 4,613 (17.47%).

Elfyn Llwyd, b Sept 26, 1951. Solicitor. Elected for this seat 1992. Member, Welsh affairs select cttee, 1992-95; joint vice-chair, all-party head injuries party group. Consultant to Guthrie Jones & Jones, solicitors, of Dolgellau and Bala. Ed Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst; Univ Coll of Wales; Christleton Coll of Law, Chester. Pigeon breeder.

MERTHYR TYDFIL & RHYMNEY

Lab hold

Electorate 56,507 (58,939)		%Votes
*Rowlands, T (Lab)	30,012	76.68
Anstey, D (LD)	2,926	7.48
Morgan, J (C)	2,508	6.41
Cox, A (PC)	2,344	5.99
Cowdell, A (O Lab)	691	1.77
Hutchings, R (Ref)	660	1.69
Lab Majority	**27,086**	**69.20**

Total Vote 39,141 Turnout 69.27%
Swing LD to Lab 4.46

1992: Total Vote 44,315 (75.19%) - Lab 31,710 (71.56%); LD 4,997 (11.28%); C 4,904 (11.07%); PC 2,704 (6.10%); Lab Maj 26,713 (60.28%).

Ted Rowlands, b Jan 23, 1940. Lecturer in modern history and gvt. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Merthyr Tydfil 1972-83, and for Cardiff N 1966-70. Member, foreign affairs select cttee, 1987-97. Lab spokesman on energy, 1980-87, and on foreign affairs 1979-80. Foreign Office Min, 1976-79 and Under Sec, 1975-76; Under Sec for Wales 1974-75 and 1969-70. Treas, all-party British-Kenya *group*; sec, UN group. Booker Prize judge 1984. Ex-member, exec cttee, British group, IPU. Member, governing body, Commonwealth Inst, 1980-92; academic council, Wilton Park, 1983-92. Chair, History of Parliament Trust, 1993-. Ed Rhondda GS; Wirral GS; King's Coll, London.

MONMOUTH

Lab gain from C

Electorate 60,703 (59,909)		%Votes
Edwards, H (Lab)	23,404	47.74
*Evans, R (C)	19,226	39.22
Williams, M (LD)	4,689	9.56
Warry, N (Ref)	1,190	2.43
Cotton, A (PC)	516	1.05
Lab Majority	**4,178**	**8.52**

Total Vote 49,025 Turnout 80.76%
Swing C to Lab 7.41

1992: Total Vote 50,907 (84.98%) - C 24,059 (47.26%); Lab 20,855 (40.97%); LD 5,562 (10.93%); Green/PC 431 (0.85%); C Maj 3,204 (6.29%).

Huw Edwards, b April 12, 1953. Lecturer. MP for Monmouth from 1991 by-election to 1992 general election. Member, Welsh affairs select cttee, 1991-92; Commons information cttee 1991-92; Parliament for Wales campaign 1992-; Lab Campaign for Electoral Reform 1991-. Research associate, Low Pay Unit, 1985-. Member, exec, Shelter Cymru, 1988-91. Senior lecturer in social policy, Brighton Univ 1992- and 1988-91. Lecturer in social policy, Manchester Poly, 1985-88; South Bank Poly 1984-85; Sheffield Univ 1983-84; Coventry (Lanchester) Poly 1980-81; OU tutor 1987-. Pres, Chepstow Mencap, 1992-. Member, NATFHE. Ed Eastfields HS, Mitcham, Surrey; Manchester Poly; York Univ.

MONTGOMERYSHIRE

LD hold

Electorate 42,618 (42,137)		%Votes
Opik, L (LD)	14,647	45.88
Davies, G (C)	8,344	26.14
Davies, A (Lab)	6,109	19.14
Jones, H M (PC)	1,608	5.04
Bufton, J (Ref)	879	2.75
Walker, S (Green)	338	1.06
LD Majority	**6,303**	**19.74**

Total Vote 31,925 Turnout 74.91%
Swing C to LD 1.99

1992: Total Vote 33,057 (79.45%) - LD 16,031 (48.50%); C 10,822 (32.74%); Lab 4,115 (12.45%); PC 1,581 (4.78%); Grn 508 (1.54%); LD Maj 5,209 (15.76%).

Lembit Opik, b March 2, 1965. Training and development manager, Procter & Gamble. Contested Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1992; Northumbria 1994 Euro elections. Newcastle-upon-Tyne city cllr 1992-. Member, Greenpeace; Charter 88. Ed Royal Belfast Academical Inst; Bristol Univ.

N

NEATH

Lab hold

Electorate 55,525 (56,903)		%Votes
*Hain, P (Lab)	30,324	73.53
Evans, D (C)	3,583	8.69
Jones, T (PC)	3,344	8.11
Little, F (LD)	2,597	6.30
Morris, P (Ref)	975	2.36
Marks, H (LCP)	420	1.02
Lab Majority	**26,741**	**64.84**

Total Vote 41,243 Turnout 74.28%
Swing C to Lab 6.04

1992: Total Vote 45,443 (79.86%) - Lab 30,903 (68.00%); C 6,928 (15.25%); PC 5,145 (11.32%); LD 2,467 (5.43%); Lab Maj 23,975 (52.76%).

Peter Hain, b Feb 16, 1950. Civil rights and anti-apartheid campaigner, and author. Elected 1991 by-election; contested Putney 1987 and 1983. Lab spokesman on employment 1996-; Lab whip 1995-96. Sec, Tribune group of Lab MPs until 1993. Head of research, Union of Communication Workers, 1987-91; asst research officer 1976-87. Nat chair, Young Libs, 1971-73. Joined Lab Party 1977. Press officer for Anti-Nazi League 1977-80; chair, Stop the '70 (South African) Tour campaign, 1969-70. Unpaid dir, Tribune Newspaper. Ed Pretoria Boys HS; Emanuel School, Wandsworth; Queen Mary's Coll, London; Sussex Univ.

NEWPORT EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 50,997 (51,577)		%Votes
+Howarth, A (Lab)	21,481	57.65
Evans, D (C)	7,958	21.36
Cameron, A (LD)	3,880	10.41
Scargill, A (Soc Lab)	1,951	5.24
Davis, G (Ref)	1,267	3.40
Holland, C (PC)	721	1.94
Lab Majority	**13,523**	**36.30**

Total Vote 37,258 Turnout 73.06%
Swing C to Lab 6.34

1992: Total Vote 41,908 (81.25%) - Lab 23,050 (55.00%); C 13,151 (31.38%); LD 4,991 (11.91%); Green/PC 716 (1.71%); *Lab Maj 9,899 (23.62%)*.

Alan Howarth, b June 11, 1944. Returned for this seat in 1997. C MP for Stratford-on-Avon 1983 to Oct 95, when he joined Lab Party and sat as Lab MP until 1997. Education and Science Under Sec 1989-92; gvt whip 1988-89; asst gvt whip 1987-88. Member, select cttees on social security, 1995-97; nat heritage 1992-93. Chair, all-party party panel on charities and voluntary sector, 1992-; Vice-chair, C Party, 1980-81; dir, C research dept, 1979-81. Joint vice-chair, British group, IPU, 1993-94. Member of Lloyd's. Public affairs adviser to Baring Brothers and Co Ltd, 1982-87. Governor, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, 1984-; vice-pres, British Dyslexia Assoc, 1992-; board member, Inst of Historical Research, 1992-; co-chair, Party Friends of NSPCC; trustee, Employment Policy Inst and Micro Assistance in Continuing Ed centre advisory trust; patron, *Neurological Alliance*; chair, Friends of Huntingdon's Disease Assoc (all unpaid). Asst. master, Westminster School, 1968-74. Ed Rugby; King's Coll, Cambridge.

NEWPORT WEST

Lab hold

Electorate 58,914 (55,294)		%Votes
*Flynn, P (Lab)	24,331	60.52
Clarke, P (C)	9,794	24.36
Wilson, S (LD)	3,907	9.72
Thompsett, C (Ref)	1,199	2.98
Jackson, H (PC)	648	1.61
Moelwyn-Hughes, H (UK Ind)	323	0.80
Lab Majority	**14,537**	**36.16**

Total Vote 40,202 Turnout 74.57%
Swing C to Lab 9.52

1992: Total Vote 45,448 (82.19%) - Lab 24,139 (53.11%); C 16,360 (36.00%); LD 4,296 (9.45%); PC 653 (1.44%); Lab Maj 7,779 (17.12%).

Paul Flynn, b Feb 9, 1935. Ex-steelworker. Gained this seat 1987; contested Denbigh Oct 1974. Lab spokesman on social security 1988-90; on Wales 1987. Member, transport select cttee 1992-97. Joint vice-chair, all-party daylight extra group. Research officer for Llewellyn Smith, Labour MEP for SE Wales, 1984-87; steelworker 1955-84. Ex-chair, Broadcasting Council for Wales; ex-member of *South Wales Docks Board, and of* council of Univ Coll, Cardiff. Gwent county cllr 1974-82; ex-Newport borough cllr. Ed St Illtyd's; Univ Coll, Cardiff.

O

OGMORE

Lab hold

Electorate 52,078 (53,322)		%Votes
*Powell, Sir R (Lab)	28,163	73.98
Unwin, D (C)	3,716	9.76
Williams, K (LD)	3,510	9.22
Rogers, J (PC)	2,679	7.04
Lab Majority	**24,447**	**64.22**

Total Vote 38,068 Turnout 73.10%
Swing C to Lab 3.80

1992: Total Vote 42,080 (78.92%) - Lab 30,186 (71.73%); C 6,359 (15.11%); LD 2,868 (6.82%); PC 2,667 (6.34%); Lab Maj 23,827 (56.62%).

Sir Raymond Powell, b June 19, 1928. Elected in 1979. Former Labour pairing whip. Chair, Commons accommodation and works cttee, 1991-97; member, Commons finance and services cttee, 1992-; Commons selection cttee, 1992-95; services cttee, 1987-91 (chair of new party building sub-cttee, 1987-91); select cttees on employment, 1979-82; on Welsh affairs, 1982-85. Chair, S Wales Euro constituency, 1980-. Vice-chair, PLP agriculture cttee, 1986-87. Chair, Lab Party of Wales, 1977-78. Joint chair, all-party fairs and showgrounds group. With British Rail, 1945-50; shop manager, 1950-66; sec and agent to Walter Padley MP, 1967-69. Senior administrative officer, Welsh Water Authority, 1969-79. Fellow, Industry and Parliament Trust. Ed Pentre GS; Nat Council of Labour Colls; LSE.

P

PONTYPRIDD

Lab hold

Electorate 64,185 (63,545)		%Votes
*Howells, K (Lab)	29,290	63.88
Howells, N (LD)	6,161	13.44
Cowen, J (C)	5,910	12.89
Llewelyn, D (PC)	2,977	6.49
Wood, J (Ref)	874	1.91
Skelly, P (Soc Lab)	380	0.83
Griffiths, R (Comm Brit)	178	0.39
Moore, A (NLP)	85	0.19
Lab Majority	**23,129**	**50.44**

Total Vote 45,855 Turnout 71.44%
Swing Lab to LD 0.90

1992: Total Vote 48,890 (76.94%) - Lab 29,722 (60.79%); C 9,925 (20.30%); PC 4,448 (9.10%); LD 4,180 (8.55%); Grn 615 (1.26%); Lab Maj 19,797 (40.49%).

Dr Kim Howells, b Nov 27, 1946. Elected in 1989 by-election. Appointed Opposition spokesman on trade and industry in 1995 with responsibility for competition policy; a spokesman on home affairs, 1994-95; a spokesman on overseas development, 1993-94. Member, PAC, 1991-93; select cttees on sittings of Commons, 1991-92; environment, 1990-91; Welsh affairs, 1989-90. Full-time official of S Wales Area NUM, 1982-89. *Ed Mountain Ash GS*; Hornsey Coll of Art; Cambridge Coll of Advanced Tech; Warwick Univ.

PRESELI PEMBROKESHIRE

Lab gain from C

Electorate 54,088 (54,295)		%Votes
Lawrence, J (Lab)	20,477	48.29
Buckland, R J (C)	11,741	27.69
Clarke, J (LD)	5,527	13.03
Lloyd Jones, A (PC)	2,683	6.33
Berry, D (Ref)	1,574	3.71
Scott Cato, M (Green)	401	0.95
Lab Majority	**8,736**	**20.60**

Total Vote 42,403 Turnout 78.40%
Swing C to Lab 10.99

1992: Total Vote 43,731 (80.54%) - C 17,270 (39.49%); Lab 16,667 (38.11%); LD 5,379 (12.30%); PC 3,773 (8.63%); Other 642 (1.47%); C Maj 603 (1.38%).

Mrs Jackie Lawrence, b Aug 9, 1948. Political adviser. Labour election agent when party gained Pembroke seat in 1992. Member, Christian Socialist Movement. Leader, Lab group on Pembrokeshire Council; member, police authority. Ed Upperthorpe School and College, Darlington.

R

RHONDDA

Lab hold

Electorate 57,105 (60,467)		%Votes
*Rogers, A (Lab)	30,381	74.45
Wood, L (PC)	5,450	13.36
Berman, R (LD)	2,307	5.65
Whiting, S (C)	1,551	3.80
Gardiner, S (Ref)	658	1.61
Jakeway, K (Green)	460	1.13
Lab Majority	**24,931**	**61.09**

Total Vote 40,807 Turnout 71.46%
Swing Lab to PC 0.82

1992: Total Vote 45,934 (75.97%) - Lab 34,243 (74.55%); PC 5,427 (11.81%); C 3,588 (7.81%); LD 2,431 (5.29%); Comm GB 245 (0.53%); Lab Maj 28,816 (62.73%).

Allan Rogers, b Oct 24 1932. Elected for this seat 1983; MEP for SE Wales, 1979-84 (a vice-pres, Euro Parliament, 1979-82). Appointed a Labour spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs in 1992; a spokesman on defence, 1987-92. Member, Commons Intelligence and security cttee 1994-97; exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1994-; select cttee on Euro legislation, 1983-87. Chair (1987-88), vice-chair *(1986-87) and campaign officer* (1989-92), Welsh group of Lab MPs. Sec, world gvt group. Geologist and Fellow of Geological Society. Member, Gelligaer council, 1965-71; Glamorgan CC, 1970-74; Mid-Glamorgan CC, 1973-79. Chair, Poly of Wales, 1973-79. Ed Bargoed Sec School; Univ Coll, Swansea.

S

SWANSEA EAST

Lab hold

Electorate 57,373 (59,421)		%Votes
*Anderson, D (Lab)	29,151	75.38
Dibble, C (C)	3,582	9.26
Jones, E V (LD)	3,440	8.89
Pooley, M (PC)	1,308	3.38
Maggs, C (Ref)	904	2.34
Job, R (Soc)	289	0.75
Lab Majority	**25,569**	**66.11**

Total Vote 38,674 Turnout 67.41%
Swing C to Lab 6.81

1992: Total Vote 44,731 (75.28%) - Lab 31,179 (69.70%); C 7,697 (17.21%); LD 4,248 (9.50%); PC 1,607 (3.59%); Lab Maj 23,482 (52.50%).

Donald Anderson, b June 17, 1939. Elected for this seat, Oct 1974; MP for Monmouth, 1966-70. Non-practising barrister and former diplomat. Appointed Commons chairman's panel, 1995. A Labour spokesman on legal affairs, 1994-95; a defence spokesman, 1993-94; foreign affairs, 1983-92. Member, joint party ecclesiastical cttee. Treas, 1988-90 and 1992-, and vice-chair, 1985-88, exec cttee, British group, IPU. Member, 1986-, and treas, 1990-93, exec cttee, UK branch, CPA. Senior vice-pres, Assoc of W European Parliamentarians for Africa (Southern), 1984-. Member, North Atlantic assembly, 1992-. Vice-chair, all-party Methodist group; joint vice-chair, Council of Christians and Jews group; Christian Fellowship group. Methodist local preacher. Consultant, Royal Soc of Chemistry (no personal financial benefit). Ed Swansea GS; Univ Coll, Swansea (Hon Fellow).

SWANSEA WEST

Lab hold

Electorate 58,703 (60,098)		%Votes
*Williams, A (Lab)	22,748	56.21
Baker, A C S (C)	8,289	20.48
Newbury, J (LD)	5,872	14.51
Lloyd, D (PC)	2,675	6.61
Proctor, D (Soc Lab)	885	2.19
Lab Majority	**14,459**	**35.73**

Total Vote 40,469 Turnout 68.94%
Swing C to Lab 7.06

1992: Total Vote 43,850 (72.96%) - Lab 23,238 (52.99%); C 13,760 (31.38%); LD 4,620 (10.54%); PC 1,668 (3.80%); Grn 564 (1.29%); Lab Maj 9,478 (21.61%).

Alan Williams, b Oct 14, 1930. Elected 1964. Joined Public Accounts cttee 1990, member *privileges cttee* 1994-95. Lab spokesman on Commons affairs and a dep campaigns coordinator 1988-89, chief spokesman on Wales 1987-, trade and industry 1983-84, Civil Service 1980-83, Wales 1979-80. Jt chair all-party transport forum party group. Industry minr, 1976-79; prices and consumer protection min, 1974-76. Party Sec MinTech 1969-70; Under Sec economic affairs dept 1967-69. Economics lecturer. Party adviser to Institution of Plant *Engineers. Sponsored* in 1992 by TSSA. Ed Cardiff HS, Cardiff Coll of Tech, London and Oxford Univs.

T

TORFAEN

Lab hold

Electorate 60,343 (61,728)		%Votes
*Murphy, P (Lab)	29,863	69.06
Parish, N (C)	5,327	12.32
Gray, J (LD)	5,249	12.14
Holler, D (Ref)	1,245	2.88
Gough, R (PC)	1,042	2.41
Coghill, R (Green)	519	1.20
Lab Majority	**24,536**	**56.74**

Total Vote 43,245 Turnout 71.67%
Swing C to Lab 6.45

1992: Total Vote 47,338 (76.69%) - Lab 30,352 (64.12%); C 9,598 (20.28%); LD 6,178 (13.05%); Green/PC 1,210 (2.56%); Lab Maj 20,754 (43.84%).

Paul Murphy, b Nov 25, 1948. Elected 1987, contested Wells 1979. Sponsored 1992 by TGWU. Jt sec all-pty Franco-British party relations cttee; sec Austria group. Member Welsh affairs select cttee 1987-89, Lab spokesman on defence from 1995, on N Ireland 1994-95, on Wales 1988-94. Vice-chair Welsh group of Lab MPs 1995-. Party consultant to NATFHE union. Torfaen borough cllr. 1973-87. Lecturer in history and government at Ebbw Vale CFE, 1971-87. Ed RC Primary Abersychan; West Monmouth School, Pontypool; Oriel Coll, Oxford.

V

VALE OF CLWYD

Lab gain from C

Electorate 52,418 (53,013)		%Votes
Ruane, C (Lab)	20,617	52.69
Edwards, D G (C)	11,662	29.80
Munford, D (LD)	3,425	8.75
Kensler, G (PC)	2,301	5.88
Vickers, S (Ref)	834	2.13
Cooke, S A (UK Ind)	293	0.75
Lab Majority	**8,955**	**22.88**

Total Vote 39,132 Turnout 74.65%
Swing C to Lab 13.93

1992: Total Vote 43,712 (82.46%) - C 19,118 (43.74%); Lab 16,941 (38.76%); LD 5,435 (12.43%); PC 2,085 (4.79%); Other 123 (0.28%); C Maj 2,177 (4.98%).

Chris Ruane, b July 8, 1958. Dep head at local primary school. Contested Clwyd NW in 1992. Rhyl town cllr, 1988-. Founder Rhyl Environmental Assoc; member, Vale of Clwyd Trades Council; welfare benefits advice shop management cttee. Chair, Clwyd West NUT, 1989-90; chair and founder member of Rhyl Anti-Apartheid Movement and Rhyl Environmental Assoc. Ed Blessed Edward Jones Comprehensive School, Rhyl; Aberystwyth and Liverpool Univs.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Lab gain from C

Electorate 67,213 (67,152)		%Votes
Smith, J (Lab)	29,054	53.89
+Sweeney, W (C)	18,522	34.35
Campbell, S (LD)	4,945	9.17
Corp, M (PC)	1,393	2.58
Lab Majority	**10,532**	**19.53**

Total Vote 53,914 Turnout 80.21%
Swing C to Lab 9.78

1992: Total Vote 54,596 (81.30%) - C 24,207 (44.34%); Lab 24,188 (44.30%); LD 5,042 (9.24%); PC 1,159 (2.12%); C Maj 19 (0.03%).

John P. Smith, b March 17, 1951. Chief exec, Gwent Image Partnership, since 1992. Gained this seat for Lab at 1989 by-election, defeated 1992; contested it 1987. Vale of Glamorgan borough cllr (ex-leader, Lab group). Building worker 1966-68; RAF 1968-71; joiner 1971-76; mature student 1976-83; univ tutor and lecturer 1983-89. Member, Aslef; MSF; WEA. Ed Penarth GS; Gwent Coll of Higher Ed; Univ of Wales Coll of Cardiff.

W

WREXHAM

Lab hold

Electorate 50,741 (51,318)		%Votes
Marek, J (Lab)	20,450	56.15
Andrew, S J (C)	8,688	23.85
Thomas, A (LD)	4,833	13.27
Cronk, J (Ref)	1,195	3.28
Plant, K (PC)	1,170	3.21
Low, N (NLP)	86	0.24
Lab Majority	**11,762**	**32.29**

Total Vote 36,422 Turnout 71.78%
Swing C to Lab 7.38

1992: Total Vote 40,421 (78.77%) - Lab 20,191 (49.95%); C 13,101 (32.41%); *LD 6,054 (14.98%); PC* 1,075 (2.66%); Lab Maj 7,090 (17.54%).

Dr John Marek, b Dec 24, 1940. MP since 1983, contested Ludlow 1974. Opposition spokesman on economic affairs, Treasury and Civil Service 1987-92, front bench DHSS team health spokesman 1985-87, all-party aviation group chair 1989-90, member Select Cttee on Welsh Affairs 1983-, Public Accounts Cttee 1985. Ceredigion district cllr, 1979-83. Lecturer in applied maths, Univ Coll Wales Aberystwyth 1966-83. Fellow, Industry and Parliament Trust. Ed London Univ.

Y

YNYS MON

PC hold

Electorate 52,952 (54,149)		%Votes
*Jones, I (PC)	15,756	39.46
Edwards, O (Lab)	13,275	33.25
Owen, G (C)	8,569	21.46
Burnham, D (LD)	1,537	3.85
Gray Morris, H (Ref)	793	1.99
PC Majority	**2,481**	**6.21**

Total Vote 39,930 Turnout 75.41%
Swing PC to Lab 3.70

1992: Total Vote 43,061 (79.52%) - PC 15,984 (37.12%); C 14,878 (34.55%); Lab 10,126 (23.52%); LD 1,891 (4.39%); NLP 182 (0.42%); PC Maj 1,106 (2.57%).

***Ieuan Wyn Jones**, b May 22, 1949.* Solicitor and partner in practice, 1974-87, won this seat in 1987: contested it 1983. Member, select cttees on agriculture 1992-97, Welsh affairs 1990-92, joint vice-chair, all-party Friends of Croatia group 1991-97. Nat chair Pl Cymru 1990-92 and 1980-82, vice-chair 1975-79. Royal Coll of Nursing party panel. Ed Pontardawe GS; Ysgol-y-Berwyn, Y Bala Gwynedd; Liverpool Poly.

N IRELAND

ANTRIM EAST

UUP hold

Electorate 58,963 (56,732)		%Votes
+Beggs, R (UUP)	13,318	38.77
Neeson, S (Alliance)	6,929	20.17
McKee, J (DUP)	6,682	19.45
Dick, T (C)	2,334	6.79
Donaldson, B (PUP)	1,757	5.11
O'Connor, D (SDLP)	1,576	4.59
Mason, R (Ind)	1,145	3.33
McAuley, C (SF)	543	1.58
McCann, M (NLP)	69	0.20
UUP Majority	**6,389**	**18.60**

Total Vote 34,353 Turnout 58.26%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 35,468 (62.52%) - UUP 15,465 (43.60%); All 8,919 (25.15%); Alliance 8,046 (22.69%); C 2,788 (7.86%); NLP 250 (0.70%); UUP Maj 6,546 (18.46%).

Roy Beggs, b Feb 20, 1936. Ex-teacher. Elected 1983; resigned seat in 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and retained it in 1986 by-election. Treas, all-party cotton and allied textiles party group; paper and board industry group. Member for N Antrim, N Ireland Assembly 1982-86; chair, economic development cttee 1982-84. Larne cllr 1973-; Mayor of Larne 1978-83. Teacher 1957-78; vice-principal, Larne HS, 1978-83; pres, NI Assoc of Ed and Library Boards 1984-85. Ed Ballyclare HS; Stranmillis Training Coll.

ANTRIM NORTH

DUP hold

Electorate 72,411 (71,215)		%Votes
*Paisley, Rev I (DUP)	21,495	46.54
Leslie, J (UUP)	10,921	23.65
Farren, S (SDLP)	7,333	15.88
McCarry, J (SF)	2,896	6.27
Alderdice, D (Alliance)	2,845	6.16
Hinds, B (NI Women)	580	1.26
Wright, J (NLP)	116	0.25
DUP Majority	**10,574**	**22.89**

Total Vote 46,186 Turnout 63.78%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 45,501 (63.89%) - Alliance 23,152 (50.88%); UUP 8,216 (18.06%); SDLP 6,512 (14.31%); All 3,442 (7.56%); C 2,263 (4.97%); SF 1,916 (4.21%); Alliance Maj 14,936 (32.83%).

Rev Ian Paisley, b April 6, 1926. Leader of Democratic Unionist Party. MP for Antrim N since 1970. Resigned seat in 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and retained it in 1986 by-election. MEP, 1979-; N Ireland Assembly, 1982-86; member Stormont 1970-72. Dem U member for N Antrim, NI Assembly, 1973-75, and UUUC member, NI Constitutional Convention, 1975-76. Founded Protestant Unionist Party and sat as *Prot U MP 1970-74. Minister of* Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Belfast, 1946-. Pres, Whitefield Coll of the Bible, 1979-. Hon dir, Voice Newspapers Ltd and Protestant Telegraph Ltd. Ed Model School, Ballymena; Ballymena Tech Coll; S Wales Bible Coll; Reformed Presbyterian Theological Hall, Belfast.

ANTRIM SOUTH

UUP hold

Electorate 69,414 (67,045)		%Votes
+Forsythe, C (UUP)	23,108	57.49
McClelland, D (SDLP)	6,497	16.16
Ford, D (Alliance)	4,668	11.61
Smyth, H (PUP)	3,490	8.68
Cushinan, H (SF)	2,229	5.55
Briggs, B (NLP)	203	0.51
UUP Majority	**16,611**	**41.33**

Total Vote 40,195 Turnout 57.91%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 39,888 (59.46%) - UUP 28,447 (71.35%); SDLP 5,397 (13.54%); All 4,362 (10.94%); SF 1,220 (3.06%); Loony G 442 (1.11%); UUP Maj 23,050 (57.82%).

Clifford Forsythe, b Aug 24, 1929. Plumbing and heating contractor; former professional footballer with Linfield and Derry City. Elected 1983; resigned seat in 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and *retained it at 1986 by-election; UU spokesman on transport, local* govt and communications; member, social security select cttee 1991: chair, all-party plumbing party group. Exec member, UU council, 1980-83. Newtownabbey cllr 1981-85 (Mayor 1983); NI Assembly 1982-86. Ed Glengormley Public Elementary School.

B

BELFAST EAST

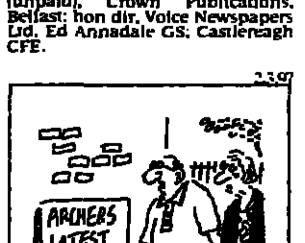
DUP hold

Electorate 61,744 (63,881)		%Votes
+Robinson, P (DUP)	16,640	42.63
Empey, R (UUP)	9,886	25.33
Hendron, J (Alliance)	9,288	23.80
Dines, S (C)	928	2.38
Corr, D (SF)	810	2.08
Lewsley, P (SDLP)	629	1.61
Dougan, D (NIFT)	541	1.39
Bell, J (WP)	237	0.61
Collins, D (NLP)	70	0.18
DUP Majority	**6,754**	**17.31**

Total Vote 39,029 Turnout 63.21%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 41,527 (65.01%) - Alliance 22,635 (54.51%); All 11,337 (27.30%); C 4,170 (10.04%); Ind U 2,250 (5.42%); SF 686 (1.65%); WP 323 (0.78%); NLP 126 (0.30%); Alliance Maj 11,298 (27.21%).

Peter Robinson, b Dec 29, 1948. Won seat 1979, but resigned 1985 *in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement* and retained it in 1986 by-election. Dep leader, Democratic Unionist Party, 1980-87; gen sec 1975-80. Member, select cttee on N Ireland 1994-; N Ireland Assembly 1982-86. Castlereagh cllr 1977-; Dep Mayor 1978; Mayor 1986. Dir (unpaid), Crown Publications, Belfast; hon dir, Voice Newspapers Ltd. Ed Annadale GS; Castlereagh CFE.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BELFAST NORTH

UUP hold

Electorate 64,577 (67,989)		%Votes
+Walker, C (UUP)	21,478	51.81
Maginness, A (SDLP)	8,454	20.39
Kelly, G (SF)	8,375	20.20
Campbell, T (Alliance)	2,221	5.36
Emerson, P (Green)	539	1.30
Treanor, P (WP)	297	0.72
Gribben, A (NLP)	88	0.21
UUP Majority	**13,024**	**31.42**

Total Vote 41,452 Turnout 64.19%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 42,992 (63.23%) - UUP 22,259 (51.77%); SDLP 7,867 (18.30%); SF 4,882 (11.36%); All 3,321 (7.72%); C 2,678 (6.23%); NA 1,366 (3.18%); WP 415 (0.97%); NLP 204 (0.47%); UUP Maj 14,392 (33.48%).

Cecil Walker, b Dec 17, 1924. Ex-sales manager. Elected 1983; contested seat 1979; resigned 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and re-elected at 1986 by-election. Chair, all-party denture services for the public party group. In timber business with James P. Corry & Co Ltd, Belfast, from 1941. Ed Methodist Coll, Belfast.

BELFAST SOUTH

UUP hold

Electorate 63,439 (64,491)		%Votes
+Smyth, Rev M (UUP)	14,201	35.97
McDonnell, A (SDLP)	9,601	24.32
Ervine, D (PUP)	5,687	14.40
McBride, S (Alliance)	5,112	12.95
Hayes, S (SF)	2,019	5.11
Campbell, A (NI Women)	1,204	3.05
Boal, M (C)	962	2.44
Cusack, N (Ind Lab)	292	0.74
Lynn, P (WP)	286	0.72
Anderson, J (NLP)	120	0.30
UUP Majority	**4,600**	**11.65**

Total Vote 39,484 Turnout 62.24%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 44,152 (68.46%) - UUP 23,258 (52.68%); All 6,921 (15.68%); SDLP 6,266 (14.19%); C 5,154 (11.67%); SF 1,116 (2.53%); LTU 869 (1.97%); WP 359 (0.81%); NLP 209 (0.47%); UUP Maj 16,337 (37.00%).

Rev Martin Smyth, b June 15, 1931. Grand Master, Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, 1972-; Grand Master, Grand Orange Council of the World, 1974-82, and pres, 1985-88. Held seat for UU 1982 by-election caused by murder of the Rev Robert Bradford; resigned 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and held seat in 1986 by-election. Member for Belfast S, NI Assembly, 1982-86; NI Constitutional Convention 1975. Party spokesman on health and social services; member, select cttee on health 1990-; social services 1984-86 and 1987-90. Joint vice-chair, all-party Council of Christians and Jews party group; personal soc services party panel; joint treas, Pro-Life group; treas, child abduction group; treas, ASH; treas, Food & Health Forum, 1996-; treas, all-party Brazilian group, 1996-. Vice-pres, UU Council, since 1974. Member, exec cttee, British group, IPU, 1985-92 and 1995-; exec cttee, UK branch, CPA, 1986-. Ed Methodist Coll, Belfast; Magee Univ Coll, Londonderry; Trinity Coll, Dublin; Presbyterian Coll, Belfast; San Francisco Theological Seminary.

BELFAST WEST

SF gain from SDLP

Electorate 61,785 (62,940)		%Votes
Adams, G (SF)	25,662	55.93
+Hendron, J (SDLP)	17,753	38.69
Parkinson, F (UUP)	1,556	3.39
Lowry, J (WP)	721	1.57
Kennedy, L (HR)	102	0.22
Daly, M (NLP)	91	0.20
SF Majority	**7,909**	**17.24**

Total Vote 45,885 Turnout 74.27%
Swing SDLP to SF 9.74

1992: Total Vote 45,322 (72.01%) - SDLP 20,045 (44.23%); SF 19,027 (41.98%); *UUP 5,275 (11.64%)*; WP 759 (1.67%); NLP 216 (0.48%); SDLP Maj 1,018 (2.25%).

Gerry Adams, b Oct 6, 1948. Pres of Sinn Fein since 1984. MP for Belfast W 1983-92 but did not take seat at Westminster. Member for W Belfast of NI Assembly, 1982. Interned 1971, released 1976. Ed St Mary's GS, Belfast.

D

DOWN NORTH

UKU gain from UPUP

Electorate 63,010 (61,745)		%Votes
+McCartney, R (UKU)	12,817	35.05
McFarland, A (UUP)	11,368	31.09
Napier, Sir O (Alliance)	7,554	20.66
Fee, L (C)	1,810	4.95
Farrell, M (SDLP)	1,602	4.38
Morrice, J (NI Women)	1,240	3.39
Mullins, T (NLP)	108	0.30
Mooney, R (NIP)	67	0.18
UKU Majority	**1,449**	**3.96**

Total Vote 36,566 Turnout 58.03%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 37,633 (60.95%) - UPUP 15,298 (40.65%); C 13,033 (34.63%); All 5,894 (15.66%); Alliance 3,153 (8.38%); NLP 255 (0.68%); UPUP Maj 2,265 (6.02%).

Robert McCartney, b April 24, 1936. QC (NI). Standing as United Kingdom Unionist, won by-election in June 1995 which followed death of Sir James Kilfedder. Admitted solicitor 1962 and called to NI Bar 1968. Ed Grosvenor GS, Belfast; Queen's Univ, Belfast.

DOWN SOUTH

SDLP hold

Electorate 69,855 (67,518)		%Votes
+McGrady, E K (SDLP)	26,181	52.91
Nesbitt, D (UUP)	16,248	32.83
Murphy, M (SF)	5,127	10.36
Crozier, J (Alliance)	1,711	3.46
McKeon, R (NLP)	219	0.44
SDLP Majority	**9,933**	**20.07**

Total Vote 49,486 Turnout 70.84%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 52,369 (77.57%) - *SDLP 29,408 (56.16%); UUP 18,531* (35.39%); SF 1,860 (3.55%); All 1,308 (2.50%); C 1,262 (2.41%); SDLP Maj 10,877 (20.77%).

Edward McGrady, b June 3, 1935. Chartered accountant. Won seat 1987, defeating Enoch Powell; contested seat 1986, 1983 and 1979. Member, NI affairs select cttee, 1994-97. SDLP member for S Down of NI Assembly 1973-75, and min in NI power-sharing exec 1973-74; NI Constitutional Convention 1975-76, and NI Assembly 1982-86. First chair of SDLP 1971-73, and first chair of SDLP Assembly party. Downpatrick cllr 1961-89, council chair 1964-73; chair or vice-chair, Down District Council, most years from 1973 to 1982. Partner, M.B. McGrady and Co, chartered accountants and insurance brokers. FCA. Ed St Patrick's HS, Downpatrick; Belfast Coll of Tech.

F

FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE

UUP hold

Electorate 64,600 (63,090)		%Votes
+Maginnis, K (UUP)	24,862	51.48
McHugh, G (SF)	11,174	23.14
Gallagher, T (SDLP)	11,060	22.90
Farry, S (Alliance)	977	2.02
Gillan, S (NLP)	217	0.45
UUP Majority	**13,688**	**28.35**

Total Vote 48,290 *Turnout 74.75%*
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 47,867 (75.87%) - UUP 25,071 (52.38%); SDLP 10,982 (22.94%); SF 9,143 (19.10%); Prog Soc 1,094 (2.29%); All 830 (1.73%); NA 747 (1.56%). UUP Maj 14,089 (29.43%).

Ken Maginnis, b Jan 21, 1938. Ex-teacher. Won seat 1983; resigned 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and retained it at 1986 by-election; contested it in 1981 by-election. Party spokesman on internal security and defence, and on employment. Member, select cttees on N Ireland, 1994-97; defence, 1984-86. Sec, all-party diabetic party group; treas, police group; Rugby union group. Member, N Ireland Assembly, 1982-86. Dungannon district cllr 1981-93. Adviser to RUC Federation. Dir, N Ireland Centre in Europe. In UDR 1970-81 (commissioned 1972; gained rank of Major). Principal, Pomeroy Primary School, 1966-82. Ed Royal School, Dungannon, Co Tyrone; Stranmillis Teacher Training Coll, Belfast.

FOYLE

SDLP hold

Electorate 67,620 (64,199)		%Votes
+Hume, J (SDLP)	25,109	52.51
McLaughlin, M (SF)	11,445	23.94
Hay, W (DUP)	10,290	21.52
Bell, H (Alliance)	817	1.71
Brennan, D (NLP)	154	0.32
SDLP Majority	**13,664**	**28.58**

Total Vote 47,815 Turnout 70.71%
Swing SDLP to SF 3.85

1992: Total Vote 43,604 (67.92%) - SDLP 23,291 (53.41%); Alliance 10,809 (24.79%); SF 7,475 (17.14%); All 866 (1.99%); WP 639 (1.47%); NLP 524 (1.20%); SDLP Maj 12,482 *(28.63%)*.

John Hume, b Jan 18, 1937. Teacher. Leader, SDLP, 1979-; dep leader 1970-79; founder member. Elected 1983; contested Londonderry Oct 1974. Member, Euro Parliament, since 1979, serving on bureau of Socialist group. MP for Foyle, N Ireland Parliament, 1969-73. Elected for Londonderry to NI Assembly 1973-75; NI Constitutional Convention 1975-76; NI Assembly 1982-86. Member, NI Forum, 1983-84. Minister for Commerce in NI power-sharing exec, 1974. Associate Fellow, Centre for International Affairs, Harvard, 1976; Research Fellow in European studies, Trinity Coll, Dublin, 1976-77.

L

LAGAN VALLEY

UUP hold

Electorate 71,225 (67,551)		%Votes
Donaldson, J (UUP)	24,560	55.43
Close, S (Alliance)	7,635	17.23
Poots, E (DUP)	6,005	13.55
Kelly, D (SDLP)	3,436	7.75
Sexton, S (C)	1,212	2.74
Ramsey, S (SF)	1,110	2.51
McCarthy, F (WP)	203	0.46
Finlay, H (NLP)	149	0.34
UUP Majority	**16,925**	**38.20**

Total Vote 44,310 Turnout 62.21%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 46,270 (68.50%) - UUP 30,957 (66.91%). All 5,453 (11.79%); SDLP 4,192 (9.06%); C 4,170 (9.01%); SF 956 (2.07%); WP 542 (1.17%); UUP Maj 25,504 (55.12%).

Jeffrey Donaldson, b. Partner in financial services and estate agency. Elected 1997. Former member, NI Assembly. Member, UU negotiating team in constitutional talks on future of Province. Sec, Ulster Unionist Council, 1988-; chair, Ulster Young Unionist Council, 1985-86. Former asst to Sir James Molyneaux when party leader and MP for this seat. Former agent for Enoch Powell.

LONDONDERRY EAST

UUP hold

Electorate 58,831 (57,023)		%Votes
+Ross, W (UUP)	13,558	35.58
Campbell, G (DUP)	9,764	25.63
Doherty, A (SDLP)	8,273	21.71
O'Kane, M (SF)	3,463	9.09
Boyle, Y (Alliance)	2,427	6.37
Holmes, J (C)	436	1.14
Gallen, C (NLP)	100	0.26
Anderson, I (Nat Dem)	81	0.21
UUP Majority	**3,794**	**9.96**

Total Vote 38,102 Turnout 64.77%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 35,905 (62.97%) - UUP 23,287 (64.86%); SDLP 7,134 (19.87%); All 2,634 (7.34%); C 1,589 (4.43%); SF 1,261 (3.51%); UUP Maj 16,153 (44.99%).

William Ross, b Feb 4, 1936. Farmer. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Londonderry Feb 1974-83. Resigned seat in 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and was re-elected in 1986 by-election. Party spokesman on agriculture and fisheries; former spokesman on Treasury matters. Member, select cttees on deregulation, 1995-97; members' interests 1992-95; statutory instruments 1991-97; Commons administration cttee 1991-. Member, Apprentice Boys of Derry, the Orange and Black Institutions. Limavady cllr for four years. Former sec, Mid-Londonderry Constituency Unionist Party.

N

NEWRY & ARMAGH

SDLP hold

Electorate 70,652 (68,656)		%Votes
+Mallon, S (SDLP)	22,904	42.99
Kennedy, D (UUP)	18,015	33.82
McNamee, P (SF)	11,218	21.06
Whitcroft, P (Alliance)	1,015	1.91
Evans, D (NLP)	123	0.23
SDLP Majority	**4,889**	**9.18**

Total Vote 53,275 Turnout 75.40%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 52,172 (75.98%) - SDLP 25,740 (49.34%); UUP 18,930 (36.28%); SF 6,530 (12.52%); All 972 (1.86%); SDLP Maj 6,810 (13.05%).

Seamus Mallon, b Aug 17, 1936. Former teacher. Won this seat at by-election 1986, retaining it 1987 and 1992; contested it 1983. Dep leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party, 1978-. Member, Anglo-Irish inter-party body, 1990-; N Ireland Assembly 1973-74 and 1982; N Ireland Convention 1975-76; Irish Senate 1981-82. Armagh district cllr 1973-. Member, select cttee on agriculture, 1987-92. Ed St Mary's Coll of Ed, Belfast.

S

STRANGFORD

UUP hold

Electorate 69,980 (66,420)		%Votes
+Taylor, J (UUP)	18,431	44.29
Robinson, I (DUP)	12,579	30.22
McCarthy, K (Alliance)	5,467	13.14
O'Reilly, P (SDLP)	2,775	6.67
Chalk, G (C)	1,743	4.19
O Fachtna, G-S (SF)	503	1.21
Mullins, S (NLP)	121	0.29
UUP Majority	**5,852**	**14.06**

Total Vote 41,619 Turnout 59.47%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 41,744 (62.85%) - UUP 20,473 (49.04%); Alliance 8,295 (19.87%); All 6,736 (16.14%); C 5,945 (14.24%); NLP 295 (0.71%); UUP Maj 12,178 (29.17%).

John Taylor, b Dec 24, 1937. Civil engineer. Elected 1983; resigned seat in 1985 in protest at Anglo-Irish agreement and retained it at 1986 by-election. Elected MEP 1979-89. Privy Counsellor (NI) 1970. UU Euro spokesman in Commons; joint sec, all-party Franco-British party cttee. Member, select cttee on N Ireland affairs, 1994-. MP, Stormont, 1965-72; NI Assembly 1973-75; NI Constitutional Convention 1975-76; *NI Assembly 1982-86. Cabinet* min for Home Affairs in NI Govt, 1970-72. Member, Castlereagh Borough Council, 1989-. Dir, West Ulster Estates Ltd, 1968-; Tontine Rooms Holding Co Ltd 1978-, publishing and printing; proprietor (no income) of Cerdac Business Systems in N Ireland and of Tyrone Printing Co Ltd; publisher (no income) of Tyrone Courier, Ulster Gazette, Carrickfergus Advertiser, Ballyclare Gazette, Larne Gazette. Ed Royal School, Armagh; Queen's Univ, Belfast.

T

TYRONE WEST

UUP gain

Electorate 58,168 (56,970)		%Votes
Thompson, W (UUP)	16,003	34.58
Byrne, J (SDLP)	14,842	32.07
Doherty, P (SF)	14,280	30.86
Gormley, A (Alliance)	829	1.79
Owens, T (WP)	230	0.50
Johnstone, R (NLP)	91	0.20
UUP Majority	**1,161**	**2.51**

Total Vote 46,275 Turnout 79.55%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 40,612 (71.29%) - Alliance 15,738 (38.75%); SDLP 12,590 (31.00%); SF 8,102 (19.95%); Other 2,282 (5.62%); All 1,900 (4.68%); Alliance Maj 3,148 (7.75%).

William Thompson, aged 57. Businessman. Won this seat 1997. Member of UU party exec and past chair of the former Mid-Ulster constituency party. Elected to the N Ireland Assembly in 1973 and 1982 and to the convention in 1975. Omagh district cllr for 12 years. Methodist lay preacher.

U

ULSTER MID

SF gain from DUP

Electorate 58,836 (56,935)		%Votes
McGuinness, M (SF)	20,294	40.05
+McCrea, Rev W (DUP)	18,411	36.34
Haughey, D (SDLP)	11,205	22.11
Bogues, E (Alliance)	460	0.91
Donnelly, M (WP)	238	0.47
Murray, M (NLP)	61	0.12
SF Majority	**1,883**	**3.72**

Total Vote 50,669 Turnout 86.12%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 46,982 (82.52%) - Alliance 19,274 (41.02%); SDLP 14,360 (30.56%); SF 11,340 (24.14%); All 1,229 (2.62%); Ind 549 (1.17%); LTU 107 (0.23%); WP 78 (0.17%); NLP 45 (0.10%); Alliance Maj 4,914 (10.46%).

Martin McGuinness, b May 23 1950. Chief negotiator of Sinn Fein. Contested Foyle, 1983, 1987 and 1992 general elections. Ed Christian Brothers Tech Coll.

UPPER BANN

UUP hold

Electorate 70,398 (69,079)		%Votes
*Trimble, D (UUP)	20,836	43.60
Rodgers, B (SDLP)	11,584	24.24
O'Hagan, B (SF)	5,773	12.08
Carrick, M (DUP)	5,482	11.47
Ramsay, W (Alliance)	3,017	6.31
French, T (WP)	554	1.16
Price, B (C)	433	0.91
Lyons, J (NLP)	108	0.23
UUP Majority	**9,252**	**19.36**

Total Vote 47,787 Turnout 67.88%
No swing calculation possible.

1992: Total Vote 45,479 (65.84%) - UUP 26,824 (58.98%); SDLP 10,661 (23.44%); SF 2,777 (6.11%); All 2,541 (5.59%); C 1,556 (3.42%); WP 1,120 (2.46%); UUP Maj 16,163 (35.54%).

David Trimble, b Oct 15, 1944. Elected for this seat at 1990 by-election. Leader Ulster Unionists and parliamentary party from 1995. Non-practising barrister, was UU spokesman on legal affairs. Member N Ireland Constitutional Convention 1975-76Lecturer from 1968, senior lecturer from 1977, Queen's Univ Belfast Faculty of Law. Ed Bangor GS, Queen's Univ Belfast.

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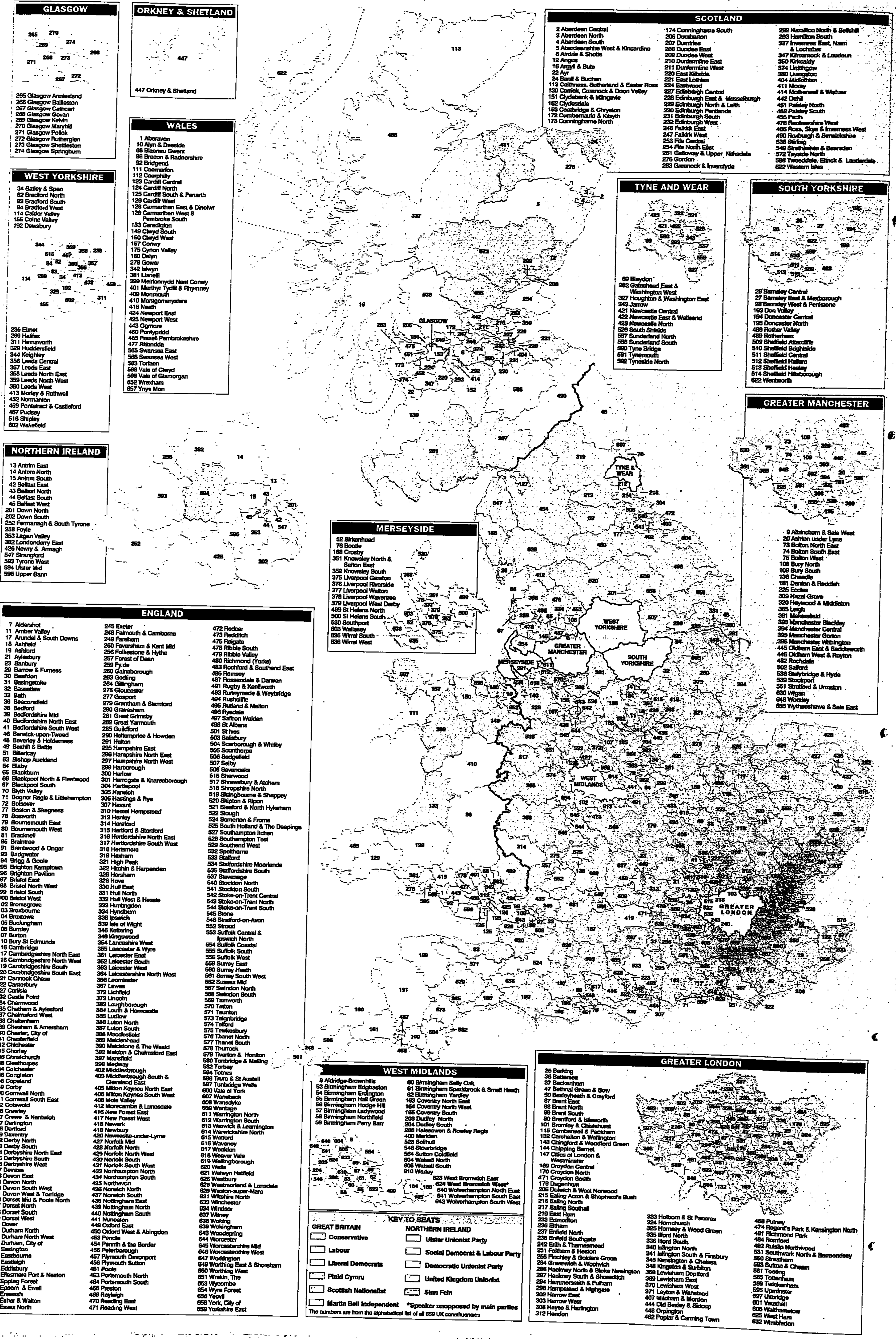

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447 Orkney & Shetland

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86 Brecon & Radnorshire
92 Bridgend
111 Caernarfon
112 Caerphilly
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124 Cardiff North
125 Cardiff South & Penarth
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129 Carmarthen West & Pembroke South
133 Ceredigion
149 Clwyd South
150 Clwyd West
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342 Islwyn
381 Llanelli
399 Meirionnydd Nant Conwy
401 Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney
409 Monmouth
410 Montgomeryshire
415 Neath
424 Newport East
425 Newport West
443 Ogmore
460 Pontypridd
465 Preseli Pembrokeshire
477 Rhondda
565 Swansea East
566 Swansea West
583 Torfaen
598 Vale of Clwyd
599 Vale of Glamorgan
652 Wrexham
657 Ynys Mon

WEST YORKSHIRE

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82 Bradford North
83 Bradford South
84 Bradford West
114 Calder Valley
155 Colne Valley
192 Dewsbury
235 Elmet
289 Halifax
311 Hemsworth
329 Huddersfield
344 Keighley
356 Leeds Central
357 Leeds East
358 Leeds North East
359 Leeds North West
360 Leeds West
413 Morley & Rothwell
432 Normanton
459 Pontefract & Castleford
467 Pudsey
516 Shipley
602 Wakefield

NORTHERN IRELAND

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14 Antrim North
15 Antrim South
42 Belfast East
43 Belfast North
44 Belfast South
45 Belfast West
201 Down North
202 Down South
252 Fermanagh & South Tyrone
258 Foyle
353 Lagan Valley
382 Londonderry East
426 Newry & Armagh
547 Strangford
593 Tyrone West
594 Ulster Mid
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SCOTLAND

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3 Aberdeen North
4 Aberdeen South
5 Aberdeenshire West & Kincardine
6 Airdrie & Shotts
12 Angus
16 Argyll & Bute
22 Ayr
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151 Clydebank & Milngavie
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262 Gateshead East & Washington West
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590 Tyne Bridge
591 Tynemouth
592 Tyneside North

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27 Barnsley East & Mexborough
28 Barnsley West & Penistone
193 Don Valley
194 Doncaster Central
195 Doncaster North
488 Rother Valley
489 Rotherham
509 Sheffield Attercliffe
510 Sheffield Brightside
511 Sheffield Central
512 Sheffield Hallam
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514 Sheffield Hillsborough
622 Wentworth

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74 Bolton South East
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108 Bury North
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225 Eccles
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320 Heywood & Middleton
365 Leigh
391 Makerfield
393 Manchester Blackley
394 Manchester Central
395 Manchester Gorton
396 Manchester Withington
445 Oldham East & Saddleworth
446 Oldham West & Royton
482 Rochdale
502 Salford
536 Stalybridge & Hyde
539 Stockport
551 Stretford & Urmston
630 Wigan
648 Worsley
655 Wythenshawe & Sale East

MERSEYSIDE

52 Birkenhead
76 Bootle
168 Crosby
351 Knowsley North & Sefton East
352 Knowsley South
375 Liverpool Garston
376 Liverpool Riverside
377 Liverpool Walton
378 Liverpool Wavertree
379 Liverpool West Derby
499 St Helens North
500 St Helens South
530 Southport
603 Wallasey
635 Wirral South
636 Wirral West

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11 Amber Valley
17 Arundel & South Downs
18 Ashfield
19 Ashford
21 Aylesbury
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32 Bassetlaw
33 Bath
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191 Devon West & Torridge
196 Dorset Mid & Poole North
197 Dorset North
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319 Hexham
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659 Yorkshire East

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59 Birmingham Perry Barr
60 Birmingham Selly Oak
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62 Birmingham Yardley
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164 Coventry North West
165 Coventry South
203 Dudley North
204 Dudley South
288 Halesowen & Rowley Regis
400 Meriden
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564 Sutton Coldfield
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When private health insurers will not pay up

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The Hong Kong market after China takes over

THE TIMES: PERSONAL FINANCE NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

The £77bn that lies unclaimed

Caroline Merrell on how a little research could help to track down the missing millions

Speculation that the Halifax share price could rise as high as 550p, making the minimum basic distribution of 200 shares worth £1,100 will mean more dismay for the millions who are not benefitting from this summer's conversion payouts. But if you are not receiving a package of free shares this summer, do not give up hope. A little research could yield you a windfall from the £77 billion of forgotten funds and unclaimed cash that lies waiting.

The first step for those of a forgetful nature should be to search drawers for long-forgotten building society passbooks. Thousands have failed to claim their shares because they have frequently moved house and not informed the society of their most recent address. When the Alliance & Leicester floated last month, about £247 million worth of shares were left unclaimed.

If this pattern is repeated in the flotations of the Norwich Union, Halifax, Woolwich and Northern Rock, by the end of the year, there could be a total of £2 billion of unclaimed shares — equivalent to 1p off the basic rate of income tax for one year.

Another £55 billion lies unclaimed in banks, building societies and National Savings accounts and shares, according to research from IFA Promotion, the body that represents financial advisers. Of this, some £41 billion lies in dormant or obsolete bank and building society accounts. Some £1.6 billion worth of matured National Savings certificates from past issues earn only the token general extension rate of 3.51 per cent. There is a further £333 million in unclaimed company pensions, £20 billion of unclaimed flotation benefits, £1 billion of unclaimed stocks and £108 million of unclaimed proceeds of life insurance policies.

The National Lottery has already generated unclaimed cash prizes of £24 million, while unclaimed Premium Bonds amount to £14 million. Another big area of money looking for an owner is in unclaimed legacies. Every year thousands of people die without drawing up a will, leaving some £100 million. Solicitors and banks acting on behalf of those who die intestate often hire firms of genealogists to track down the next of kin, linking the inheritance with the rightful owner. However, these windfalls come at a price. Custom and practice seems to have determined that genealogists can charge commission of up to a third of the recovered assets. This is an unregulated industry with no cap on charges.

The genealogist may advertise for information in the press. In this case, the firm will charge a daily rate and the beneficiary will not have to pay anything. If the next of kin cannot be traced, the estate will be passed to the Treasury solicitor, who will then try to trace the next nearest living relative by advertising in the local and national press.

Fraser & Fraser is one of the world's biggest firms of genealogists, with offices in Rome, London and Warsaw. Nathan Fraser, a partner with the firm, said that most work came from solicitors trying to find the heirs to estates where no will had been left.

However, the firm is also involved in tracing the rightful owners of other assets. Mr Fraser said: "When the Ministry of Defence sold off the married couples' quarters, the property first had to be offered back to the heirs of those people who had sold the houses to the Ministry of Defence in the first place."

He claimed that the vast majority of the beneficiaries of his tracing work received no more than a few thousand pounds. However, the firm had been instrumental in tracing the rightful owners of shares worth more than £1 million in the Press Association, the news agency.

Solicitors warn anyone who is approached by a genealogist to consult their own solicitor straight away. They advise finding out the size of the inheritance before anything is signed. Even if the geneologist refuses to say how much the possible windfall could be, the potential inheritors should make sure that they only sign documentation that allows them to negotiate commission when they know how much the inheritance is going to be.

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Canada call prompts assets hunt

HUW EVANS

Missing sums: Stephen White is seeking about £15,000

The reach of genealogists is very wide, as Stephen White, a solicitor from Wales found out. Mr White was recently contacted by two of his cousins who now live in Canada. They had been approached by a firm of genealogists working in London called Premier Asset Research.

Mr White said: "The London company claimed to have traced unclaimed assets held in trust. The company is offering to recover the assets for 25 per cent of their value." He wanted to know where the company had got the information from, and whether the trustees should have done more to find the rightful owners of the assets. He added: "My immediate reaction on receipt of the letter was 'if they can find out about these assets, why can't I find out about them'."

Mr White said that he had checked the family connections as he was the executor to his parents-in-law's estate. These were the direct relatives of the two cousins. However, he found that it did not relate to his parents-in-law. He is now try to trace the missing money, which amounts to about £15,000.

Mr White said: "What are the duties of a trustee in tracing the beneficiaries of a trust or executors in tracing legatees. If I pay over 25 per cent of the assets to the company, could I recover this from the trustees or executors on the grounds that they have not done enough to trace the assets?" Premier Asset Research would not comment.

Tom Curran, managing director of Title Research, the genealogist, said he advised anyone approached by a company claiming to have tracked down assets, to consult their own solicitor. He defended the fees, by saying that people would otherwise have been unaware of the cash.

L&G aims to pep up flexible endowment mortgages

Legal & General has kicked off the post-election mortgage campaign with an attempt to pep up the much-maligned endowment as a method of repaying home loans. It claims its new flexible mortgage plan offers borrowers the best features of the traditional endowment, plus the tax-free status of a personal equity plan (Pep).

The idea that the traditional with-profit endowment has any redeeming features might stick in the throat of many home owners who took up the plans in the Eighties. Endowment policies achieved almost pariah status as high initial charges and poor performance caused by falling bonus rates left thousands unable to pay off their loans. Their inflexible payment regime has also made them increasingly unpopular as job insecurity has grown in the Nineties.

In contrast, Peps have, on the whole, achieved superior investment returns based on their tax exemptions and the fact that they are wholly exposed to equity markets. With-profit policies lost their tax concessions back in 1984 and dilute their equity exposure with investments in bonds, property and cash deposits. Peps also allow investors to vary and suspend their payments. This flexibility has already attracted Halifax and Standard Life to use them as their flagship mortgage products.

But the outstanding advantage of the traditional endowment, L&G believes, is that they combined loan repayment with life and critical illness cover in one contract. It has spent millions of pounds on a new computer system that can administer the Pep and insurance sides simultaneously.

This, it says, has driven down costs enabling it to offer a low-cost product to compete in the mass mortgage market. Borrowers opting for the Pep will have their money split evenly between L&G's UK Index Tracker fund and its Worldwide fund of funds, giving a broad diversity of investments. Assuming the Pep grows at the unlikely rate of 9 per cent per annum for 25 years, L&G says a couple aged 29 taking out a joint mortgage for £50,000 would pay £70.92 a month, nearly £6 cheaper than equivalent plans from Scottish Amicable and almost £21 less than Guardian. If the Pep managed to grow faster than this, borrowers have the option of paying off the mortgage early or creaming off the excess at maturity. In addition, they can suspend payments for up to nine months or add lump sums whenever they like. They can also withdraw accumulated capital from the Pep.

However, this payment does not include the payments to the actual mortgage lender. Servicing an interest-only £50,000 loan, for example, currently costs a couple about another £300 per month.

More sinisterly, getting social classes C and D, who have so far largely ignored Peps, into the equation will be good news for L&G's balance sheet and should help to repay its investment in new systems.

For there is a high cost to the plan's much vaunted simplicity. L&G is also paying traditional endowment commissions to financial advisers. In the first two years, 65 per cent of the Pep money disappears in fees. Although there is no initial charge on the Pep for mortgage borrowers, they will pay an annual 1 per cent levy and a £2 administration fee for the duration of the loan. Remember, annual charges have the greatest impact as they are based on the value of the fund and should increase every year. This leaves the young couple paying L&G a total of £8,300 in charges over 25 years.

This is actually better than the flexible Pep mortgages from Halifax and Standard Life. Halifax's Tax-Free Home Plan takes a massive 7.5 per cent slice out of every premium, 0.5 per cent a year plus a £3 administration charge. This leaves the young couple paying £80.68 a month and a total of £10,900 in charges over 25 years.

Standard's Homebuilder Pep levies a 5.6 per cent initial charge and a 0.91 per cent annual management fee. At £67.33, the monthly premiums undercut L&G, but leave the young borrowers paying £11,600 over the course of the loan.

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Halifax holders get at least 415p

SOCIETY WATCH

For those anxious to turn their stake in the soon to be former society into spending money as quickly as possible, the Halifax this week announced the minimum selling price.

Those customers who dispose of their shares through the Halifax's dealing service on the first day of trading — June 2, or in the auction to institutional investors on May 30 will be guaranteed to receive at least 415p.

This "floor" price has been set to ensure that no customer loses out if the Halifax's flotation coincides with a period of stock market turbulence. This means that the typical customer with a mortgage and a savings account who stands to receive two basic distributions of 200 shares should be £1.660 better off.

Current predictions put the opening price for the shares at closer to 550p. City broking firms that are advising the financial institutions, such as large pension funds and insurance companies that will be bidding for shares in the auctions, to tender at between 550p and 575p.

A price of 550p would leave our typical customer £2,200 better off.

The Halifax has this week attempted to point out the advantages of its postal share dealing service, which will be free for the first ten days of trading. It has been suggested that thousands will bypass this service, opting to take share certificates and selling through other stockbroking firms in the hope of getting a higher price for their holding.

The Halifax has, however, given a warning that this could place an intolerable strain on Crest, the stock market system for the settlement of share dealing accounts.

Already overburdened, Crest could buckle under the strain of yet more paper. Settlement is the stock market term for the process of settling accounts between stockbrokers and their clients.

Crest is already plagued with long delays. If the system did become entirely log-jammed with paperwork, then the Halifax customers would then be forced to wait for their cash.

■ The main benefit of using the Halifax's own service is convenience. If you return the form requesting that your shares be sold by May 26, your stake will be put up for sale in either the May 30 auction or on June 2. You will receive a price equivalent to the weighted average price bid by the institutional buyers. The Halifax will not get rid of your shares if the price available is not above the 415p floor price.

■ If you use the Halifax service, you will be able to withdraw the cash from your Halifax account on Friday, June 6, allowing you to embark on a spending spree the next day.

■ The Halifax decided against a telephone dealing service. However, once selling demand begins to diminish, a telephone sales service will be available. A telephone purchasing service will be on offer from June 2 for those who wish to acquire extra Halifax shares.

You will be able to obtain information about the share price on 0930 551 997.

ANNE ASHWORTH

Mutuals and banks join rates battle

JEFF MITCHELL

Baroness Thatcher showed her forte for thrift was unabated during the campaign

Karen Zagor finds the newly converted banks keen to keep rates competitive with mutuals

Who offers a better deal? A building society committed to mutuality or one of the former mutuals. The debate continues.

A survey published this week by *Which?* added further fuel to the argument. The consumer magazine claimed that those customers who had chosen to save in building societies would be better off than customers of the former societies, such as the Halifax. For those with larger balances, that is £20,000 or more invested, the extra interest earned would be worth more than any conversion windfall.

The Halifax and the other converting societies are now trying to disprove this claim with the launch of new accounts, which is good news for savers, who can now anticipate better rates all round.

Norwich & Peterborough is among societies trying to attract investors who want to remain with a mutual society. It is offering a new Share Saver account. New customers must provide proof that the money comes from cash or the sale of shares in a converting society, and they must reside in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Rutland, South Humberside or Suffolk. The residency rules do not apply to existing Norwich and Peterborough customers.

Interest on the account is tiered, paying 3.50 per cent gross on amounts between the minimum £1,000 and £2,499, rising to 5 per cent on £2,500 to £4,999 and increasing to 6.50 per cent on amounts of £5,000 and over. The interest is fixed until December 31, 1997 during which time no withdrawals are permitted. For more information call 01733 372 372.

Birmingham Midshires' new Windfall Account promises to beat the rates on offer from the converting societies' branch-based instant access accounts for at least six months, provided customers make no more than three withdrawals a year from the account. It comes with a free share dealing service if £2,500 or more is invested. It can be operated though one of the society's branches, or by post.

The interest is based on the account balance and the number of withdrawals a year. For more than 26 withdrawals, amounts between the minimum £1,000 and £4,999 will earn 1.10 per cent, rising in tiers to 3.05 per cent for three withdrawals a year. The rates are higher if more money is deposited. For a registration pack call 0500 070 707.

Cheltenham & Gloucester, which is now part of Lloyds Bank, has just launched an Instant Transfer Account paying 6 per cent gross a year on amounts over £1,000. The account works in conjunction with any bank or building society cheque, instant access or deposit account that carries a sort code and account number. The money earns interest in the C&G account until the customer needs it, at which point it is transferred to the bank or building society account. Applications from C&G branches or by calling 0800 742 437.

Bristol & West, which is on its way to being acquired by the Bank of Ireland, has also earmarked windfall customers for its new deposit bond, though a windfall is not a necessity. The bond, which was available from April 15, pays a fixed 7.05 per cent a year gross until maturity on July 15, 1998 on a minimum deposit of £1,000.

No withdrawals are permitted during the term of the bond. Its relatively short term reflects expectations that interest rates will rise, and that investors will not want to tie up their money for a number of years. For more information call 0800 202 121.

Nationwide has this week lifted the rates on its InvestDirect postal accounts to start at 6.40 per cent gross on deposits of £500. According to *MoneyFacts*, the new rates put it at the top of the instant access and postal accounts.

Nationwide has promised to keep the rates 0.25 percentage points higher than the average for key postal account competitors for the next six months. Existing Nationwide customers with notice accounts or variable bonds can transfer to the new account without penalty for a limited period. For information call 0800 665 511.

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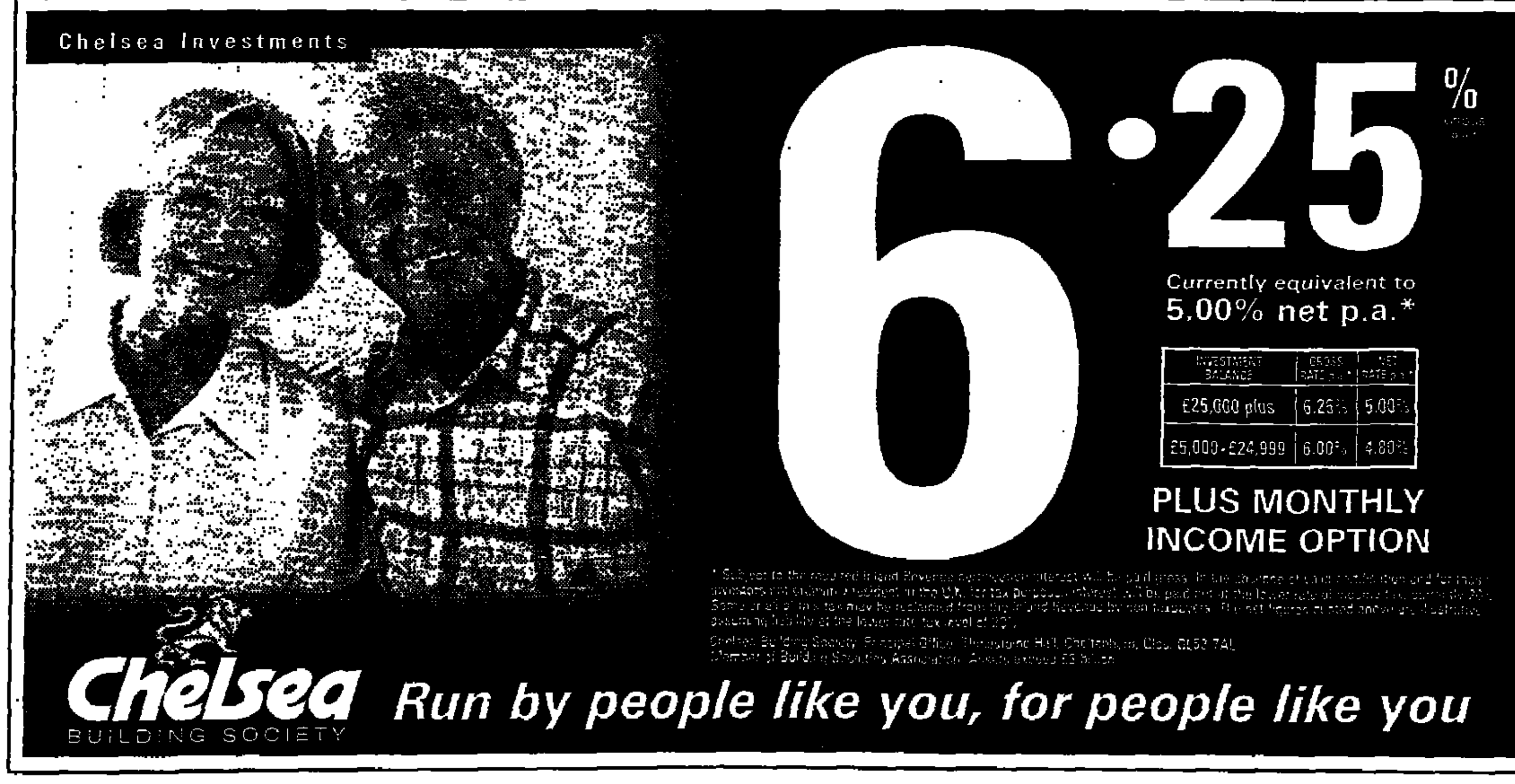

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Gloves come off in the battle for savers

COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH

Personal Finance Editor

Prepare for a summer of bickering between the building societies that are proud to be mutual and their erstwhile colleagues. The row threatens to drown out even political squabbles.

Which? this week took the side of the committed mutuals, saying that they would provide the best value for savers. The magazine claimed that, over the long term, the extra interest paid by these societies would be worth more than the shares being distributed to customers of the Halifax and its four fellows.

For savers, these disputes are good news. The mutuals will be forced now to live up to the image created by *Which?*, providing returns that can match the demutualisation windfalls. Next month, a typical Halifax customer can expect to receive shares valued at a minimum of £1,660. A big target.

The Halifax and the other new banks will be determined to prove *Which?* wrong and so can be relied upon to improve their rates to savers. Not only must they compete with the inveterate mutuals, they must also fight off the offensive from the banking divisions of the supermarkets. Sainsbury's pays 5.75 per cent on amounts of £1 or more in an instant-access account, an offer that no other savings institution can match on small sums.

Meanwhile, borrowers who may be wondering about their future welfare should note that the latest blow in the mortgage war has been struck by Northern Rock, not long to be a member of the Building Societies Association.

Mortgage lacks pep

THE stock market believes that, once floated, the Halifax will bid for Legal & General. Perhaps to avoid contemplating such a future, L&G is looking into the past. This week it has revived the endowment mortgage, that emblem of the Eighties, inextricably linked with that era's rise and fall in property prices. You can almost hear the signature tune from *Dynasty*. To avoid accusations of nostalgia, L&G has grafted its endowment onto a personal equity plan (Pep), that favourite investment of the Nineties. However, the commissions that will be paid to middlemen have a distinctly retro flavour. Only 35 per cent of the money paid into the plan in the first two years will be invested (see page 57).

These charges are certainly high. However, anyone presuming that the Pep mortgages now being so actively sold by the Halifax represent a cheaper option should be prepared for a shock. Over a 25-year £50,000 mortgage, the charges on an L&G plan would be £8,300, compared with £10,900 at the Halifax. These figures explain why the no-frills repayment mortgage never goes out of fashion.

The first tasks

THE much needed reform of investor protection should be among the issues to be addressed by Gordon Brown in his first weeks as Chancellor. He should ensure that the safety net is extended to include long-term care policies and mortgages. In both areas, the consumer deserves to be shielded from sharks.

From July, a voluntary code will cover mortgage advice. But only banks and building societies will need to comply. Brokers and other organisations that now arrange some 50 per cent of loans do not yet come within the scope of the code. This means that you can make one of the largest financial commitments of your life, without hope of redress for a bad recommendation.

Mr Brown can expect resistance from lenders who do not want mortgages brought within the scope of the Financial Services Act. But he must keep his manifesto promise to provide extra rights for borrowers.

Long-term care policies, designed to pay out if you need residential care in old age, are also unregulated. This gives free rein to the unscrupulous to prey on the fears of retired people, encouraging them to buy expensive and often unnecessary cover. The salesman, anxious for his commission, is unlikely to mention that only one in four of the elderly ever need to go into residential care. He is not obliged to say that you will have to prove yourself pitifully incapacitated before making a claim.

Acting in the interests of homebuyers and pensioners might do something to lighten Mr Brown's austere image. A Chancellor who may need to impose higher taxes must win friends somewhere.

Conal Gregory reports on which sporting items are proving sound investments

A quick round in the attic

A Bank Holiday search of the attic for sports items of yesterday could pay dividends to judge by estimates for next week's international sale of golf memorabilia by Phillips, the fine arts house, in Edinburgh.

Only last month, a collection of 14,000 football programmes sold for almost £78,000 even though Bonham's, the auctioneer, had expected £50,000-£60,000. The programme for the England v Ireland game at Goodison Park in 1935 made £760, while the 1926 England v Scotland International at Old Trafford realised £860. The top price was £4,200 for the single sheet programme for England's 8-1 victory over Ireland in Belfast in 1884. Last autumn a blue international cap from 1958-59, awarded to Billy Wright for his historic 100th international appearance for England, made £9,200 at Christie's in Glasgow. Presentation pieces to sportsmen are a good investment. At the same auction, a silver-gilt two-handled trophy, presented to Wright at a civic banquet in his honour in Wolverhampton in 1959, realised £16,676.

Tennis articles are also very collectible. The championship trophies and medals of Fred Perry, the great lawn tennis player, come under the hammer at Christie's South Kensington on June 20.

Perry's vase-shaped trophy cup when he won the singles title in the world table tennis championship in Budapest in 1929 is expected to make £250-£450. After this victory, he concentrated on lawn tennis.

The 14-carat gold medal awarded to Perry for the Davis Cup team's first triumph in 21 years could make £3,000. Usually players were given miniature replicas of their trophies, but Perry was the first overseas winner to be presented with the full size (19 inches) Challenge Cup, after his successes in 1933, 1934 and 1936. It should make £10,000-£20,000. More modest is the Slazenger lawn tennis racquet when Perry won Wimbledon (£1,000-£2,000).

Fishing tackle sales are of growing interest. Look for salmon and trout fly reels, sea reels, fishing rods, fly cabinets and boxes, wicker creels and both wooden and plaster models of fish, as well as early stuffed fish by one of the great names of taxidermy such as Cooper. A carved wooden sea trout dated April 1913 made £3,520 at Christie's Glasgow while a stuffed pike, that was caught at Wroxham Broad in Norfolk in 1915, and weighed 20lb, realised £770. A Hardy salmon reel, the "Ascapedia", made £6,900 and a Charles Farlow pot-bellied wicker creel more than £430.

With millions of amateur golfers around the world, there is a growing interest in golf memorabilia. While remarkable sums can be achieved for rare pieces, Phillips says that for about £1,000, a buyer can secure a fascinating collection of antique golf clubs. Over half the lots it offers sell for under £200. The firm now holds two auctions a year — next Saturday's in Edinburgh and in December in New York.

Look for odd-shaped clubs, says Bob Gowland, Phillips' specialist. A Gibson Jonko putter was £300-£400 a decade ago and sells now for £600-£800. American collectors are searching British car boot sales and auctions for putters made by the Karsten Phoenix company with the sole stamped both "Slazenger" and "Jack Nicklaus": they can make up to £1,000.

Unusual golf balls are very collectible. The terrestrial globe bramble ball is so called because it is moulded with the continents and oceans. A good example makes £6,000-£10,000.

Signed scorecards and photographs, perhaps inherited from grandparents, are really sought after, as well as golf rules. Next Saturday a booklet printed by the Thistle Golf Club in 1824 comes under the hammer at Phillips. It is the first known printed set of rules of golf to appear in booklet form. Prior to that date, the rules would have been hung in the club house. It is estimated to make £5,000-£8,000.

PHILLIPS

Summer golf sales tee off

AT PHILLIPS' sale of golfing memorabilia in Edinburgh next Saturday, this photographic portrait of Alec Robertson, the champion golfer, is expected to reach £2,500-£3,500.

As well as the Phillips' sale, Sotheby's is planning a golfing sale for July 11, closely followed by one at Christie's, its rival auction house, on July 14.

For both of these sales, ceramics, cigarette cards and paintings with golfing subjects are keenly sought.

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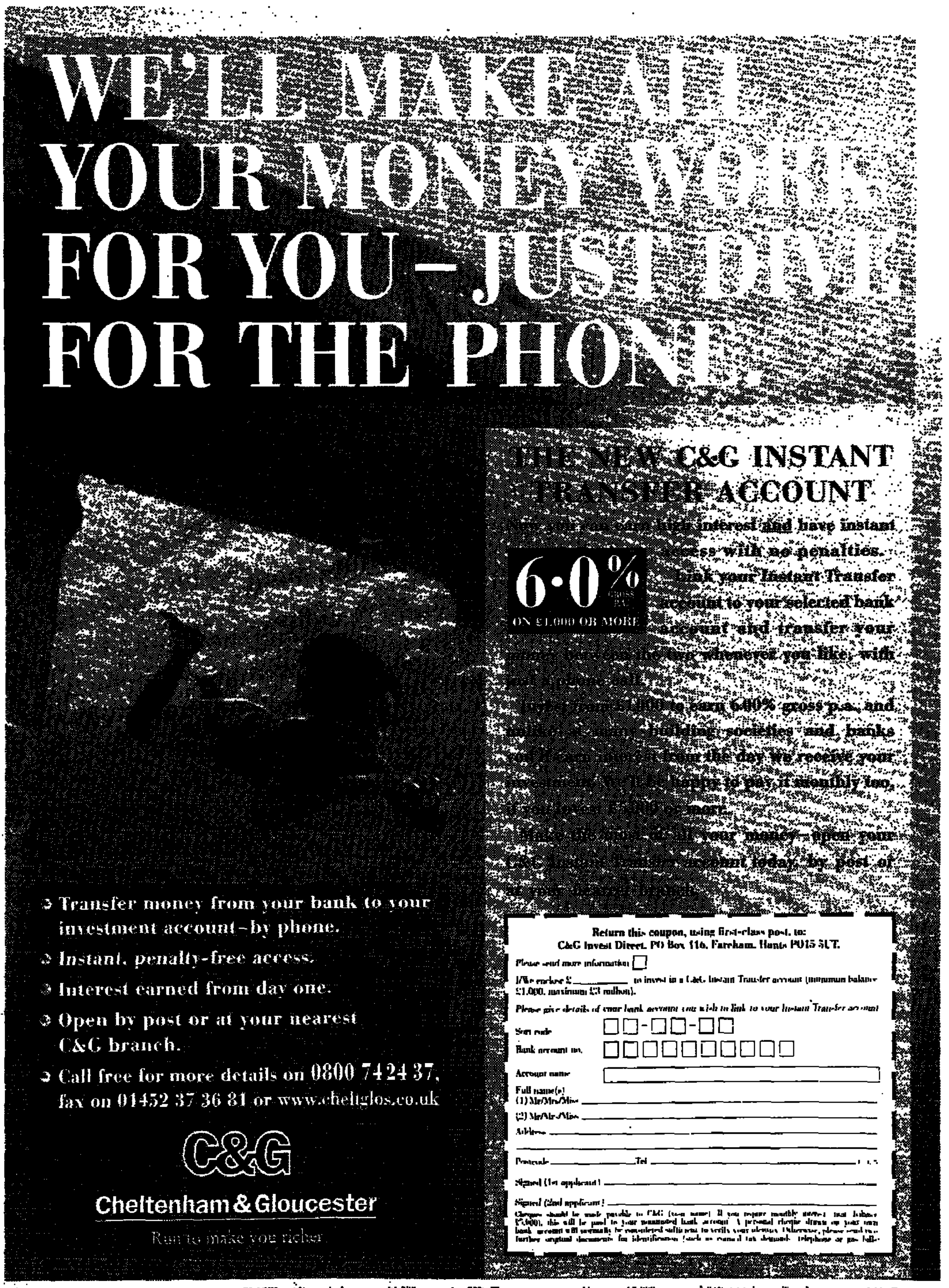

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As the curtain comes down, **Nathan Yates** reviews Hong Kong's fate

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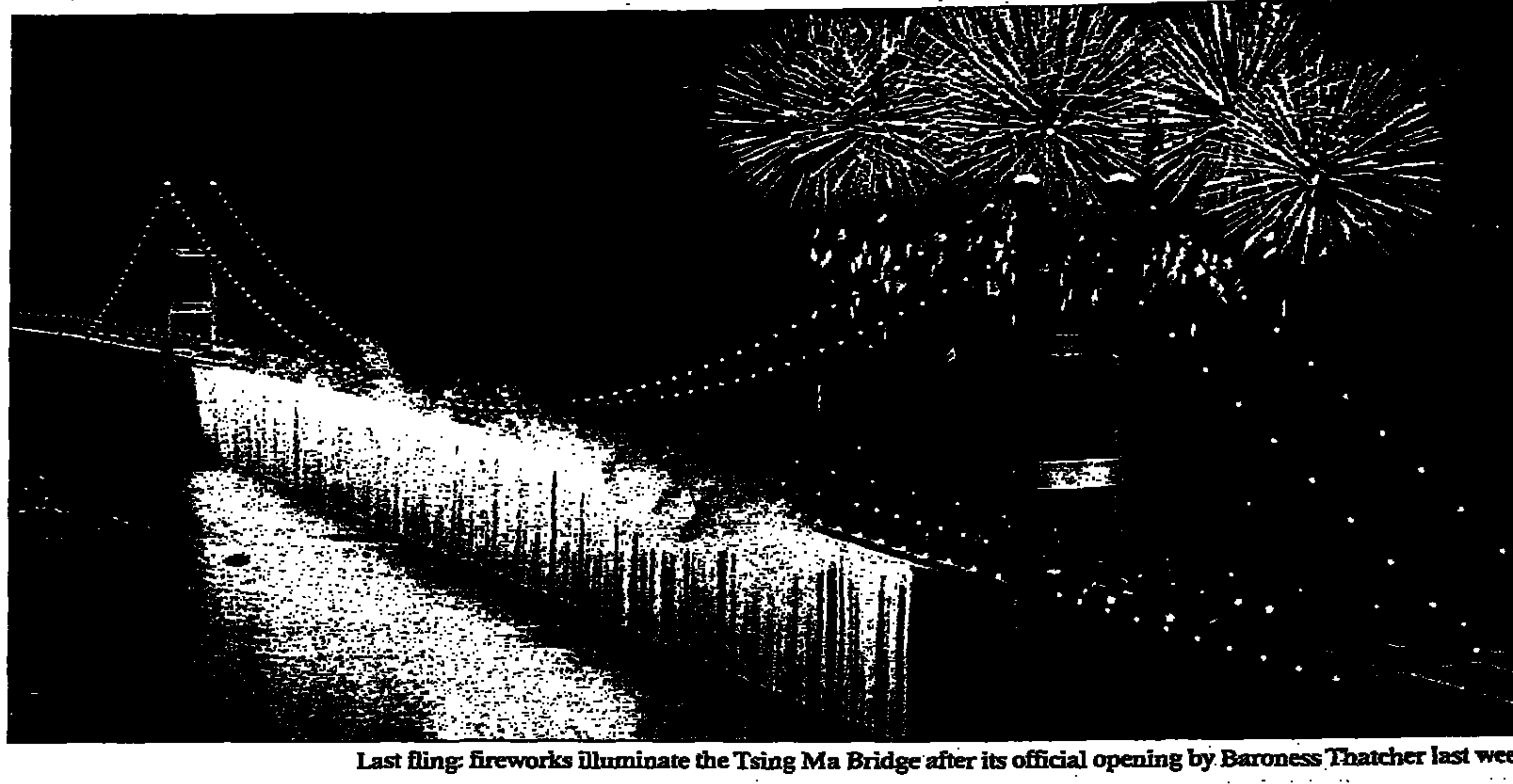

Last fling: fireworks illuminate the Tsing Ma Bridge after its official opening by Baroness Thatcher last week

The final act or a flourishing start?

The handover of Hong Kong to communist China used to be seen as the colony's economic doomsday. But as July 1 nears, this apocalyptic vision has yet to be realised, and investors are now thinking twice before pulling out. Far from plunging into a slump, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index is still riding high with less than two months to handover.

There is little sign of panic emigration. Hong Kong property is still among the most sought after and expensive in the world, priced at up to HK$5,745 (£460) per sq ft. The average bedsit costs £300,000, and last month 25,300 sq m of land attracted a record US$1.53 billion at auction.

A recent report by UBS shows Hong Kong GDP soaring at US$25,101 per capita, and in 1995 Hong Kong was the eighth-largest trading centre in the world. The Hang Seng index over the past ten years has consistently outperformed the FT-SE 100.

Hong Kong has become the main gateway for foreign investment in China. Its share of ingoing Chinese investment has risen to 60 per cent, and "red chip" companies, those registered in Hong Kong which have a large exposure to China, are in great demand. Two weeks ago an issue by the red chip Gitic Enterprises was 900 times oversubscribed.

Some analysts predict that Hong Kong will reach even greater heights after handover. "The secret of the success in this area is that Hong Kong fits beautifully with southern China," said Richard Farrell, of Guinness Flight Global Asset Management. "The strong financial infrastructure on the one hand and low wages but quite high skills on the other are a recipe for prosperity, and it is not in China's interest to interfere with that. Hong Kong and China could benefit from closer links." Most experts agree handover will have little effect on shares in Hong Kong, but some are less optimistic on long-term prospects. Hugh Young, of Abtrust Investment Trusts, sees a gradual decline.

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"Once there is greater integration with China, Hong Kong will lose its 'gateway' position and Shanghai will become the area's financial centre," he said. "Over 60 per cent of Hong Kong stocks are in property, and when the border comes down there will be a reduction in prices."

Richard Ligon, of UBS, also thinks Hong Kong faces a difficult future. He said: "Much of the large services sector is dependent upon the re-export trade, and this will be hit as Chinese manufacturing becomes more sophisticated. GDP growth has slowed over the past five years and I expect this to continue."

Other analysts say that greater integration with China will bring Hong Kong the opportunity to profit from a vigorous emerging market. "China will soon be the world's largest and fastest-growing economy, and Hong Kong will remain the access to it," said Michael Ashbridge, of Save & Prosper. He thinks that soon there may be good buying opportunities in Hong Kong shares. A rise in US interest rates and tensions in US-Sino relations could create short-term price falls.

China is widely billed as the growth economy of the next few decades. A report last week by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade forecast that by 2020 China will overtake America and become the world's top economic power. The country's growth rate is already one of the highest, forecast at 10.5 per cent this year against an average 2.6 per cent for leading industrial countries. In the past ten years the Chinese economy has quadrupled and exports doubled their share of the world total.

Under the reforms of the late Deng Xiaoping, the proportion of industrial output controlled by the state decreased from 65 per cent to 31 per cent since 1985. In place of state-owned enterprises collective enterprises run by local co-operatives have come to make up 43 per cent of all industry. Special economic zones have been established in which market-driven enterprise can flourish. Private businesses now make up nearly a third of production.

China's political problems are still a problem for investors. Tension with Taiwan and civil unrest in Tibet persists, and last year a Pentagon report put the chance of a Soviet-style break up at 50-50.

But according to Richard Farrell, of Guinness Flight, China will offer large rewards. "China is a country with absolutely tremendous potential at an early stage of its development, and as such it is an ideal place to put higher-risk capital," he said.

If you want to invest in Hong Kong and China, a general Asia fund is a good way to manage risks, says BESt Investment, the adviser. Top performers include Schroder Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse Orient and Templeton Emerging Markets. Analysts' tips for funds in Hong Kong and China alone include Jupiter's China Investment Trust and Guinness Flight's Hong Kong and China Fund.

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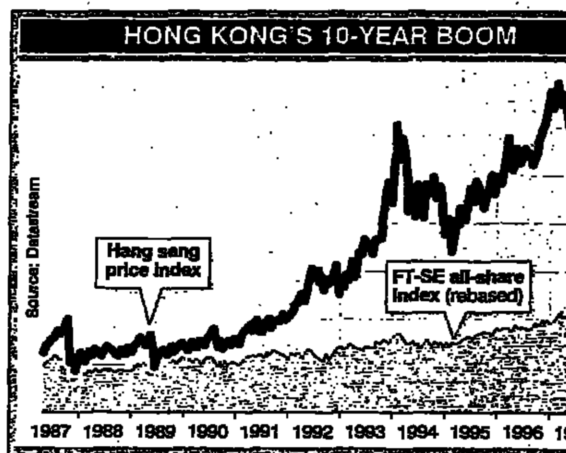

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European trusts in the spotlight

Morgan Grenfell's compensation programme, which began in earnest this week when 80,000 investors were sent cheques and units, has focused attention on the performance of the European unit trust sector.

Would the investor who stuck with Morgan Grenfell have made money after the shares were requoted on September 5, 1996, after their suspension for three days in the wake of the Peter Young affair? At that time 30 per cent of the fund's investors were taking their money away.

The answer is a simple yes. Unit trust performance is often quoted on an offer to bid basis — ie the total return takes into account the higher price at which you would buy units and the lower price you could sell them for, known as the spread.

On an offer-to-bid basis between September 6 and April 11, the index of European Growth unit trusts measured by Micropal rose by 4.72 per cent. Measured on the same basis, Morgan Grenfell's European Growth trust rose by 2.76 per cent. The best performing trust over the period was Gartmore PSF European which rose by 11.5 per cent while Jupiter European rose by 8.36 per cent.

On a bid-to-bid basis, based on pure performance and which does not take the funds' spread into account, for the same period the Micropal index was up 9.23 per cent; Morgan Grenfell rose 9.86 per cent; and the best performer, Sun Alliance Europe, rose 18.59 per cent. The figures are based on a lump sum investment of £1,000.

The Morgan Grenfell European trusts have been restructured since September. Under Peter Young, 40 per cent of the portfolio was in technology stocks. Stuart Mitchell, the new fund manager, has redirected capital to other sectors, including banking. Since January, his European Growth fund has risen on an offer-bid basis by 7.4 per cent, placing it number 34 out of 130 trusts.

Mark Dampier, investment director of Churchill Investments near Bristol, favours Credit Suisse European, which turned in a 9.37 per cent rise on a bid-bid basis between September 6 and April 11, and 3.12 per cent on an offer-bid basis. He also likes Jupiter European and Invesco European: "a solid investment".

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Adam Jones takes a closer look at funds' moral credentials

Ethical? Well sort of . . .

If you should ever meet the manager of an "ethical" fund at a dinner party, ask them one question: can you invest in your own company? The answer may surprise you.

Ethical investment has become one of the fund management industry's favourite catchphrases. It can also be one of the emptiest.

The 35 UK funds broadly identified as ethical by Eiris, the investment research body, manage about £1.3 billion between them.

Their investment strategy will be to avoid stocks that seem to be harmful to people or the environment, or to select stocks that make a positive contribution to activities right-thinking people would encourage, or a bit of both.

It goes without saying that the definition of "ethical" varies enormously from fund to fund. A question that has taxed philosophers since the dawn of civilisation will not be resolved by a pinstripe in an afternoon. The variations can lead to accusations that some funds' criteria are loose enough to allow almost any investment the fund manager cares to argue for.

However, before checking the investment strategy, would-be investors must bring their own critical faculties to bear upon the fund manager itself.

Eagle Star, for instance, has an Environmental Opportunities Trust. This middling-performance unit trust channels money towards companies that have good environmental practices. It also looks at those well placed to cash-in on the boom in green spending.

Eagle Star says that it strenuously avoids being labelled as an ethical fund. But the kind of person who is drawn to a green-ish fund like this might be upset to discover that Eagle Star is owned by BAT Industries, the cigarettes-to-financial services group.

An even bigger absurdity is found at Abbey Life, the insurer, which started an ethical trust in 1986. Abbey Life became a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds TSB this year. But because of Lloyds Bank's much criticised record on Third World debt, the fund considers its parent company too unethical to invest in.

Why should an ethical investor put their money into an Abbey Life fund, then, if it will ultimately benefit Lloyds TSB? Abbey Life is understandably sheepish on this point. It says the fund, established long before the Lloyds takeover, does not make much profit, and says banks are not being stigmatised so much now for their lending history.

Smoking lesson: is it ethical for an environmental fund to be owned by a tobacco group?

Lee Coates, of the Ethical Investors Group, a firm of independent financial advisers, helps to choose stocks for a "fund of funds" run by Skandia. It invests in a broad range of trusts that display ethical criteria. Mr Coates says Abbey Life's Ethical Trust is a stock they avoid.

For the same reason, he says the ethical investor would shun TSB's Environmental Investor Fund. TSB, which was bought by Lloyds, says its fund is not marketed as an ethical product, and should not be judged on Third World debt issues. But Mr Coates says he has yet to meet an investor who was worried about the environment, yet unconcerned about ethical issues, such as the Third World, or funding arms manufacture, pornography and gambling: "All the issues are inter-related."

Other fund managers with less than squeaky-clean pasts include Commercial Union, a target of criticism during the 1980s because of involvement in South Africa during apartheid.

It runs an environmental investment trust, mainly institutional, which has performed poorly: £100 invested five years ago would be worth just £95.45 now. Again, CU maintains it is not marketed as an ethical fund. But if the motivation was to cash in on the boom in eco-products, where are the profits?

On the positive side, Friends Provident funds environmental research at Oxford University. NPI is one of only two UK insurers to join a United Nations scheme that commits companies to the constant improvement of their environmental impact.

This has not done NPI any harm: the Global Care Income fund is the top performer in the sector over the past year, according to Micropal, the performance analyst. It would have turned £100 into £117.46.

However, NPI is also the subject of bid speculation. A new owner could well lead to a blacklisting, expecially as NatWest has been a rumoured, if unlikely, suitor.

The true ethical investor must be savvy to these changes. Even though day-to-day management of their money is delegated to a professional, they must maintain an active interest to avoid compromise. The enemy, as ever, is investor laziness, as well as the loose way ethical and environmental funds have been grouped together.

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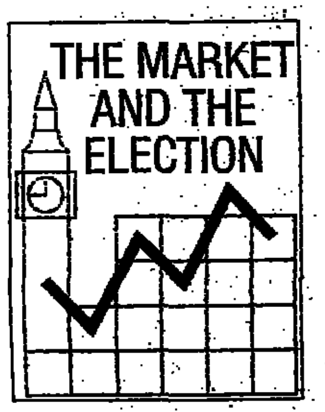

Now that the expected has happened, the City waits to see whether a Labour Government actually does what it said it would and more importantly, sticks to what it said it would not do.

With the great renationalisation shibboleth well and truly buried, and anti-takeover legislation scrapped as a placatory gesture, all that remains politically to disconcert the City are possible corporate tax increases and social policy reforms such as the minimum wage. Interest rate increases of a quarter to half a percentage point have already been factored in to bond and stock market prices.

Labour inherits a pretty robust economy with demand for manufacturing goods up 8 per cent on balance, according to the CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey. Inflation is close to its 2.5 per cent target and the big institutions have plenty of cash to invest.

Kleinwort Benson's favourite sectors are those promising long-term growth, such as banks, pharmaceuticals, and oil exploration. Brennan Hirons, chief investment officer for Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, believes that, in the short-term, the UK market will be buffeted by US interest rate rises but that overall the UK investment environment is good.

Rob Buckland, UK equities strategist at HSBC James Capel, the investment bank, also believes that banks will be star performers over the coming year. He says: "The bank sector is big and set to become much bigger, accounting for nearly 16 per cent of the whole stock market once the building societies have floated. A £10 billion company like the Halifax cannot be ignored by fund managers. They will be keen to increase weightings in this sector and a possible shortage of stock should push prices up."

Record consumer borrowing figures and modest recovery in the housing market also make banks a good investment bet. Hill Samuel Asset Management, which manages £32 billion worldwide, is expecting 15 to 18 per cent dividend growth in this sector. Again, the only caveat is US interest rates.

Although the Tories tried to convince the electorate that the economy is booming, the boom seems to be restricted to the services sector. Restaurants, pubs, clubs and cinemas have been doing well as consumers have noticed more cash in their pockets — good news for brewers, such as Bass and Whitbread, and leisure companies, such as Rank, First Leisure and Ladbroke.

The £25 billion cash and share giveaway by the floating building societies and insurance companies will further boost disposable income. But Labour may well spoil the party if it increases indirect taxes to help to reduce public borrowing and keep a lid on inflation. The danger is that higher taxes would slow down the services sector but have a much greater impact on the retail sector, where life is still tough. Intense competition is keeping prices down and recent disappointing results from Laura Ashley and MFI bear this out.

Hotels are currently doing well with occupancy rates close to maximum, especially in London, but the strong pound poses a threat to the number of foreign visitors.

If the windfall tax on the utilities is restricted to £3 billion, as Tony Blair has hinted, share prices in the water and electricity could zoom up, as most companies are thought to have made provision for a £5 billion levy.

The main blackspot for the economy is the weakness of export orders caused by sterling's continued strength. Companies such as British Steel and ICI are suffering. Exporters with high exposure to Europe are worse off than those more closely allied to the US because the pound is weak against the dollar but strong against the mark.

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Helen Pridham explains why private health insurers do not always pay up

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A sudden acute condition like those treated by Sherry Stringfield in *ER* will not be covered once it becomes chronic

Private medical insurance is becoming an increasingly popular benefit among company employees. This reflects a growing lack of confidence in the future of the National Health Service, whichever political party is in Government during the next five years.

Yet a recent survey shows much confusion among employees and employers alike about exactly what is covered by this insurance.

In spite of calls by the Office of Fair Trading last year for greater clarification of the benefits under private medical insurance policies, insurers seem to have done little to increase people's understanding. John Gillman, of Watson Wyatt, the actuary, said: "The commonest area of misunderstanding is about the coverage of acute and chronic conditions. Many people do not appreciate that if an acute condition turns into a chronic one, cover will be withdrawn."

More people are covered by company schemes than by individual policies. An estimated 60 per cent of people with private medical cover belong to a group scheme. It is a company benefit that is clearly appreciated. A recent survey by Watson Wyatt found that medical insurance has now overtaken company cars as a favoured employee benefit behind pensions and sick pay.

However, Mr Gillman is concerned about the level of ignorance about the cover provided. In research carried out recently to find out how well informed people are, Watson Wyatt asked employees and employers whether or not their policy covered three conditions and for each condition a number of scenarios:

☐ Pregnancy (normal, Caesarean, in-vitro fertilisation).
☐ Cancer (initial treatment, ongoing care and check-ups).
☐ Diabetes (initial diagnosis and care, on-going treatment).

Many employees with private medical insurance believe they are covered for scenarios for which they are not, and a further quarter to two fifths are not sure whether they are covered. More unexpectedly — since they negotiate the deal and normally pay the premiums — the lack of understanding among employers is greater in some cases.

Although there are some inconsistencies among insurers, Mr Gillman says normal pregnancy is rarely covered. Yet more than a third of employees believe it is and so do a quarter of employers. In the case of a Caesarian section, insurers will normally pay when this is carried out as an emergency procedure, but some will not do so if it is planned in advance, so it is important to check beforehand. Some 35 per cent employees think Caesarians are covered.

The majority of employees and employers know that in-vitro fertilisation is not covered, but a surprisingly high proportion of employers — 41 per cent — were not sure whether it was or not. Initial treatment of cancer will be paid for by the insurer, said Mr Gillman, and one or two follow-ups to check whether the condition has been cured. "But if the cancer turns out to be terminal or a long-term programme of check-ups is required, the insurer will not continue footing the bill for the continuing care. This is because it has changed from being an acute to a chronic condition. This is where misunderstandings often arise because patients assume that if the insurer covers an operation, they will be looked after to the end," he said.

The Watson Wyatt survey found that 36 per cent of employees thought their insurance would cover the cost of care if they were terminally ill with cancer, while 55 per cent of employers thought the same.

Treatment of diabetes, which is a chronic condition, is not covered by private medical insurance although acute flare-ups may be. If a patient goes into a coma because of undiagnosed diabetes, for example, the bill for treatment at this stage would be met by the insurer but not the cost of the ongoing maintenance treatment required thereafter. Again employers had higher expectations of the cover than their employees — 48 per cent thought on-going treatment was included against 33 per cent of employees.

Is there any way that employees can improve on the cover provided under their company's private medical insurance scheme by paying more? According to Mr Gillman: "Employees can often pay a top-up premium so that their immediate family can be covered, but they cannot buy more extensive medical cover. This would defeat the object of a group policy. And no medical insurer will pay out for treatment of chronic conditions anyway. You may get extra cover under a top-of-the-range individual policy, but you will pay a very high price."

More often, he points out, employees are better off under a group scheme than they would be with an individual policy. A company scheme may include psychiatric cover and if you are a member of a large group, your pre-existing illnesses are also covered.

If there are "grey" areas of cover where payment of a medical bill is in dispute, your employer may be able to persuade an insurer to rethink. If this approach is unsuccessful, though, the matter becomes more difficult to deal with.

Even where an insurance company is a member of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau — and several large medical insurers such as Bupa and PPP are not — there is no automatic right to have your complaint heard by the ombudsman if you are covered by a group scheme. The ombudsman is primarily there to deal with complaints under individual policies unless an insurer agrees otherwise.

Growth hormone needed for PMI industry

Medical insurance premiums will rise by an estimated 12 per cent this year, driven by the rising cost of hospital care, the trend towards more complicated operations and the increasing number of claims. PPP, one of the UK's largest healthcare providers, says the rise will be spread across the whole industry.

While healthcare providers advertise heavily in an attempt to attract those who have so far relied on the National Health Service for their hospital care, most people believe they will witness the dismantling of the welfare state and the NHS within 50 years, according to a new survey commissioned by Bupa, the largest UK private healthcare provider. However, only 10 per cent of the population are doing anything to protect themselves in the short-term. In spite of evidence in Bupa's survey that more than 70 per cent of people questioned believe they will need private medical insurance within ten years, demand for PMI has remained static for the past decade.

The study, commissioned for Bupa's 50th anniversary, shows Britons have a gloomy expectation of the future of the NHS and appear to set no store by the promises of both leading political parties that the NHS will survive. One third of the 2,000 people questioned for the survey thought emergency treatment in hospital would not be free within ten years, and almost 70 per cent expected to have to meet the full cost of residential care for elderly relatives.

The number of people buying PMI cover has increased by only 700,000 to 5.7 million over the past decade — an estimated 10 per cent of the population. This figure hides a boom in the 1980s and a decline during the recession of the early 1990s.

The 90 per cent of the population which has so far not bought PMI appears in no rush to do so. Consumers have been discouraged by the cost of comprehensive cover and poor publicity surrounding the industry as a whole. Last year the Office of Fair Trading criticised providers for not giving enough detail about the cover provided by policies, making comparisons difficult.

The leading providers have made attempts to resolve this by rewriting their policies to reduce jargon. PMI is widely perceived as expensive and premiums have been increasing. There have also been a number of incidents where people had PMI for many years and when they made a claim, discovered that they were not covered. Bupa has 45 per cent of the market, down from its peak of 75 per cent in 1970s, while PPP, its nearest rival, has increased its market share by 4 per cent to 27 per cent.

Both Bupa and PPP claims to have been trying to keep premiums under control by monitoring hospital and consultant fees and costs. The two companies are convinced that there is opportunity for growth. Others appear to think the same. Less than a fortnight ago the RAC made a foray into PMI. Others are expected to follow.

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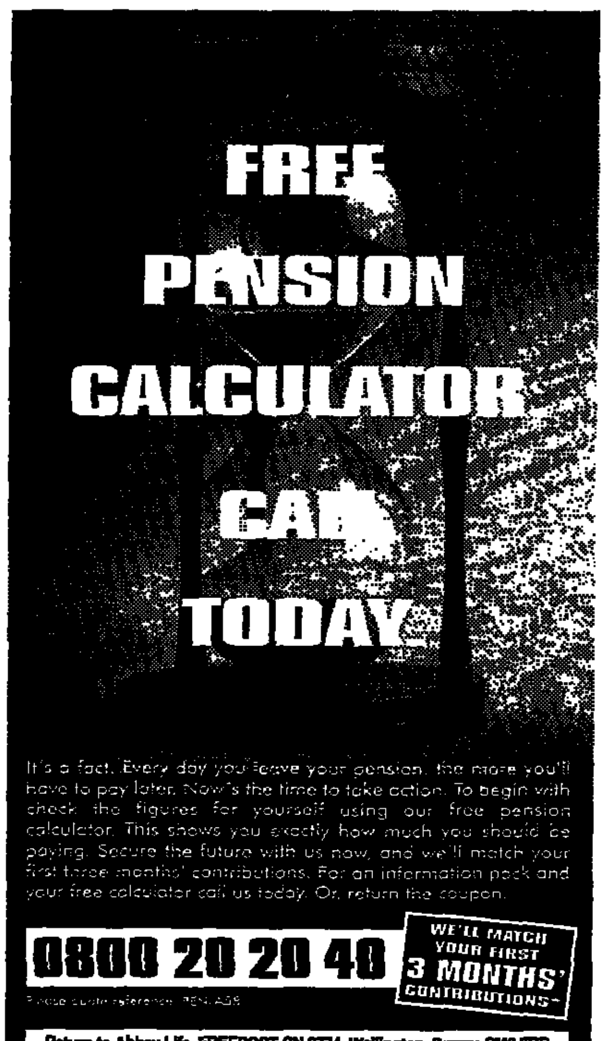

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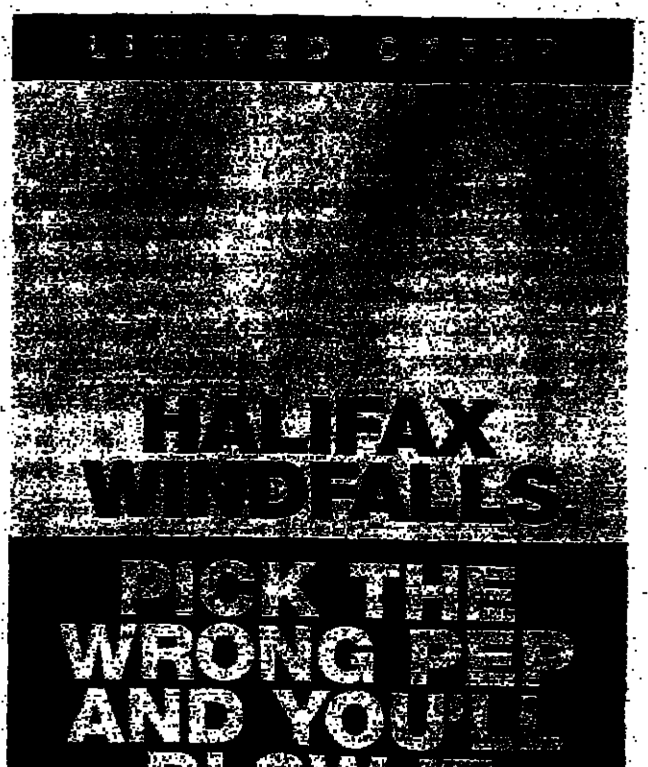

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Monte Carlo or bust: non-UK assets in offshore trusts held by Britons who are living abroad could be tax targets

Inheritance likely to be early tax target

Karen Zagor looks at Gordon Brown's possible plans for raising revenue

Anyone who has procrastinated over estate planning should act now. Labour has never hidden the fact that it wants to reform what it sees as loopholes in the inheritance tax rules, and the changes are expected to come very soon. Gordon Brown has made clear there will be a windfall tax in a summer Budget before the House rises in July. Other tax changes are expected to be brought in at the same time.

The Budget is likely to be held in July, but the changes could be pre-dated from as early as mid-May. Maurice Fitzpatrick of Chantrey Vellacott, the accountant, said it has become standard practice to announce tax changes in a pre-Budget press release, with the changes taking effect from the press release date. "If you are going to make a significant gift to your heirs, do it next week," he said. Inheritance tax is widely seen as a tax paid mainly by those who cannot afford to avoid it. While Kenneth Clarke, the Conservative Chancellor, said he wished to abolish inheritance tax altogether, Labour is expected to tighten the rules to bring in the estates of the more affluent.

At present, inheritance tax is charged at a rate of 40 per cent on everything over £215,000 of an estate. Those hit hardest are middle class homeowners who do not have much in the way of other assets but who have seen rising property prices lift the value of their homes above £200,000.

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Labour is likely to clamp down on these transfers by ensuring that all gifts from an estate are recorded during a person's life. On death, the cumulative gifts, as well as the remaining estate, would be taxed when the inheritance tax threshold is passed. This would be similar to the last Labour government's capital transfer tax, introduced in 1974 and abolished by the Conservatives in 1986.

It is also possible that Labour will phase out heritage relief and take a closer look at the rules on inheritance of business properties and farms. At present, assets which are deemed to be significant to the nation's heritage, such as historic homes, can be passed on without incurring inheritance tax. Labour would also like to clamp down on the practice of buying farms to escape inheritance tax. But there is no intention of taxing working farms passed on through the generations.

The domicile rules may also change to prevent British residents from shielding assets in offshore trusts. At present, non-UK assets which are put into an offshore trust by people who are not domiciled in the UK are not liable to inheritance tax, even if the person later becomes domiciled in the UK. The worldwide estate of anyone domiciled in the UK is subject to the UK's inheritance tax rules.

The general message from accountants is that, if you are in a situation where you may be able to safeguard some of your estate from the tax man under the existing rules, you should act now, before it is too late. One inheritance tax item expected to be safe is the annual £3,000 gift allowance introduced many years ago but which has not been indexed for inflation. This lets anyone give away a total of £3,000 to heirs without incurring inheritance tax.

Labour is also likely to address the reform of capital gains tax, which is paid on investment gains of more than £6,500 in a single year. Only about 80,000 people pay capital gains tax, and it is relatively easy to spread the sale of an investment over several tax years if there is a danger of exceeding the allowance.

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Brown faces hard choice for reforms

Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, has promised a Budget within the next two months. His targets seem likely to include relief on private medical insurance, available for the over-60's, and capital gains and inheritance tax.

But while Mr Brown might like to get unpopular measures out of the way in his early period of office, in the same way that Geoffrey Howe doubled VAT when the Tories took charge in 1979, the mechanics of introducing radical changes may mean it is more difficult for him to make big reforms than he has anticipated.

Mr Brown's oft-repeated pledge not to change the basic or top rate of tax does not mean that there will no be other changes to income tax. But his long-term aim to have a starting rate of 10 per cent for income tax is unlikely to receive attention in his first Budget. The expenditure constraints within which he will operate will give him little room for manoeuvre, in the short term, for reducing income tax rates.

Labour have made it clear that they will review the whole system of income tax reliefs and personal allowances, the amounts that can be earned before tax is payable. However, it seems unlikely that the Chancellor would move to change the allowances in his first Budget, in spite of rumours that he could reduce all of them to the 15 per cent rate of tax that now applies to the married couple's allowance.

Basic-rate income tax relief for private medical insurance premiums is likely to be an early casualty of the new government. Longer term, abolishing mortgage tax relief and possibly reducing the rate of relief on pension contributions may be implemented. At present, Miras is worth £360 a year to someone on a £30,000 mortgage. Removing the relief could raise a useful £2.7 billion.

Much thought needs to be given, however, to the long-term effects of possibly discouraging people from making as much pension provision as they should. The future burden on the State of looking after an increasingly ageing population means that we need as much encouragement as possible to save for our old age. Providing tax free savings vehicles in the form of tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) and personal equity plans (Peps) has been a very effective way of encouraging investment. Labour has indicated that they will continue with this principle and have suggested a new Individual Savings Account to promote long-term savings. This may not be a priority, however, for Gordon Brown's first Budget, so rushing to take out a Pep just to beat the Budget is probably not necessary.

Perhaps most significant for private investors could be the reduction or even abolition of Advance Corporation Tax (ACT). This is the tax paid by companies when they distribute a dividend. Charged at 20 per cent, having been reduced from 25 per cent under the Conservatives, it can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers, such as pension funds.

A reduction in the rate of ACT could hit share values as it would cut the income of pension funds who are the largest investors in the stock market. With lower income, they could not pay such high prices for shares.

Investors would also be affected by the windfall tax on utility companies which could have an impact on the shares in these businesses. Labour continue to regard capital taxes — capital gains tax and inheritance tax — as effective ways of raising revenue (although at £2.4 billion, from a total Inland Revenue tax take of over £100 billion, they are relatively costly to administer) and have no plans for their abolition. In this they are supported by the Revenue, who consider these taxes at least prevent income being converted to capital. Instead, Labour plans to review the capital gains tax regime, again with a view to encouraging longer-term investment.

Inheritance tax will be retained, though Labour may look at the generous reliefs on some property, mainly farms and businesses, and which encourage people to give away wealth in their lifetime, either as direct gifts or to trusts.

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INTEREST-RATE POLICY

Savings rates are set to rise over the next few months after a period of relative stability in the run-up to the election. Most banks and building societies now expect rises of between 0.25 per cent and 0.5 per cent before a Budget in July.

Savers have suffered during the period of low base rates, which has seen returns on an instant-access account fall to as low as 1 per cent before tax. According to Moneyfacts, the savings guide, the average instant-access rate on a balance of £5,000 is 2.31 per cent. In 1979, when Labour left power, the rate was 11.9 per cent. The bank base rate was 12 per cent. However, inflation was also in double-digits.

The Halifax, the UK's largest lender, which is about to become a bank, said both mortgage and savings rates would mirror any base-rate rises. The Bradford & Bingley, believes long-term savings rates will be altered after the Budget is called. Until the announcement is made, investors looking for a home for their money would do well to avoid locking into fixed-interest products.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Rush for fixed-rate loans

The large mortgage lenders, including the Halifax, the Nationwide and the Bradford & Bingley, do not believe Labour will be bad for the housing market.

Gary Marsh of the Halifax said: "Interest rates may edge up. But the economic background for the property market is likely to be unchanged. We do not think Labour will abolish mortgage interest relief in one fell swoop. This helps those on low incomes."

Home buyers were already braced for higher mortgage rates before the election result. Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor, has his first formal meeting next week with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to discuss interest rates.

However, even before the two men get to know each other, the money markets, which set the price of fixed-rate mortgages and savings accounts based on future base-rate movements, have already pushed up the rates on five-year loans to between 7.5 and 8.5 per cent.

There has been a rush by borrowers eager to fix rates in anticipation of a rise. This week Abbey National withdrew a 6.99 per cent five-year fixed-rate mortgage having used up all the cash it had committed to the loan.

But the trend towards higher rates may look slightly less certain, after yesterday's announcement of a 6.09 per cent variable-rate loan from the new direct mortgage division of Northern Rock. Halifax's variable rate is currently 7.25 per cent.

The Northern Rock's move looks likely to spark a mortgage war, as lenders vie for the custom of a slightly more upscale customer, with savings for a deposit.

The new Northern Rock loan will be available only to those borrowers who have saved at least a 15 per cent deposit. Ian Darby, from John Charcol, the London mortgage brokers, said: "Fixed rates are becoming too high. Instead, borrowers should consider capped-rate loans, where the rate is guaranteed not to rise above a certain level. This means that even if interest rates fall, they will not lose out."

Mr Darby recommends the fixed rates from Scarborough (1.25 per cent for one year), Abbey National (4.89 per cent for two years) and Woolwich (6.49 per cent for three years).

CAROLINE MERRELL

New windfalls for old

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Share prices had a post-election boost before polling day, so sure did the result seem. This is simple relief that one big uncertainty is over. Buying orders, held up to wait and see, could go ahead. Beyond this, bulls are as bullish as before, bears as bearish.

Bulls have on their side the surprise recovery on Wall Street, where prices are regaining dizzy heights they seemed to have abandoned. The UK economy is going swimmingly, as the new Government will soon get used to saying. Sterling rides high, inflation is being held back and any tightening of interest rates need be only one cog.

Students of institutional cashflows know that pension funds, insurance companies and the like were boycotting equities for most of the past nine months by extracting cash from takeovers. They cannot do this for ever. Seemingly modest support helped the FT-SE 100 index reach its previous peak on March 10. Recent resilience is impressive.

Bears started the year with the proposition that shares had run ahead of their long-term growth trend and that interest rate rises would set them back. They are already looking ahead to new risks. You do not need binoculars.

The first meeting of grim Gordon and steady Eddie is due on Wednesday if the new Chancellor does not put off his *tête-a-tête* with the Governor. When they meet, a quarter point rise in base rates is expected, if only to present Mr Brown's credentials to the foreign exchanges. But he could flaunt his anti-inflation zeal with half a point or use the circular if unwise argument that no action is needed because sterling is strong. Greater risk lies in the emergency Budget planned for two months hence. This will unveil the size and distribution of a utility tax that may be £3 billion, but could be up to £10 billion. The impost on BT could be zero or £1 billion.

How much further will the Budget go? The wider worry is "hidden" corporate taxes that would cut the budget deficit but not curb consumer spending. Cutting tax credits on dividends would hit personal equity plans, but act chiefly through pension funds. Share prices would fall a few percentage points. This could turn market sentiment round, setting off greater falls. Anyone thinking of a money-purchase pension may first wish to find out what is in store.

A tax could even be slapped on conversion windfalls as well as utilities. Otherwise, millions of new investors receiving shares in Alliance & Leicester, Halifax, Norwich Union and Woolwich should have few qualms. There are no guarantees. If privatisations are any guide, the best returns usually occur over the first year. The first day may be the best of all, but in most cases you would have missed out unless you held on for a year or so. Thereafter, valuations settle down, performance averages out and sheep are sorted from goats.

A similar pattern is evident at the more comparable Abbey National, pioneer of building society conversions eight years ago. Those who sold in the first six months did not do themselves a favour. Abbey strongly outperformed its sector as well as the market average for three years, though most of the relative gain came in the first 18 months. Abbey has continued to deliver much better returns than the FT-SE 100 index, but only in line with other banks.

All the newcomers have potential, though surely not all will do as well. Norwich Union, in particular, is a pioneer undergoing a change similar in scope to Abbey's. The others should be held to allow them to show their paces but will eventually be vulnerable to harder times for banks.

Once such a company has settled into the pack, there is no point in holding it, rather than a unit trust, unless you are prepared to monitor its individual progress and prospects actively. Shareholders in Sears found that even a big, profitable, well-financed group with monopoly power and strong brand-names can just crumble away through complacency and bad management. Shareholders cannot afford to take anything for granted.

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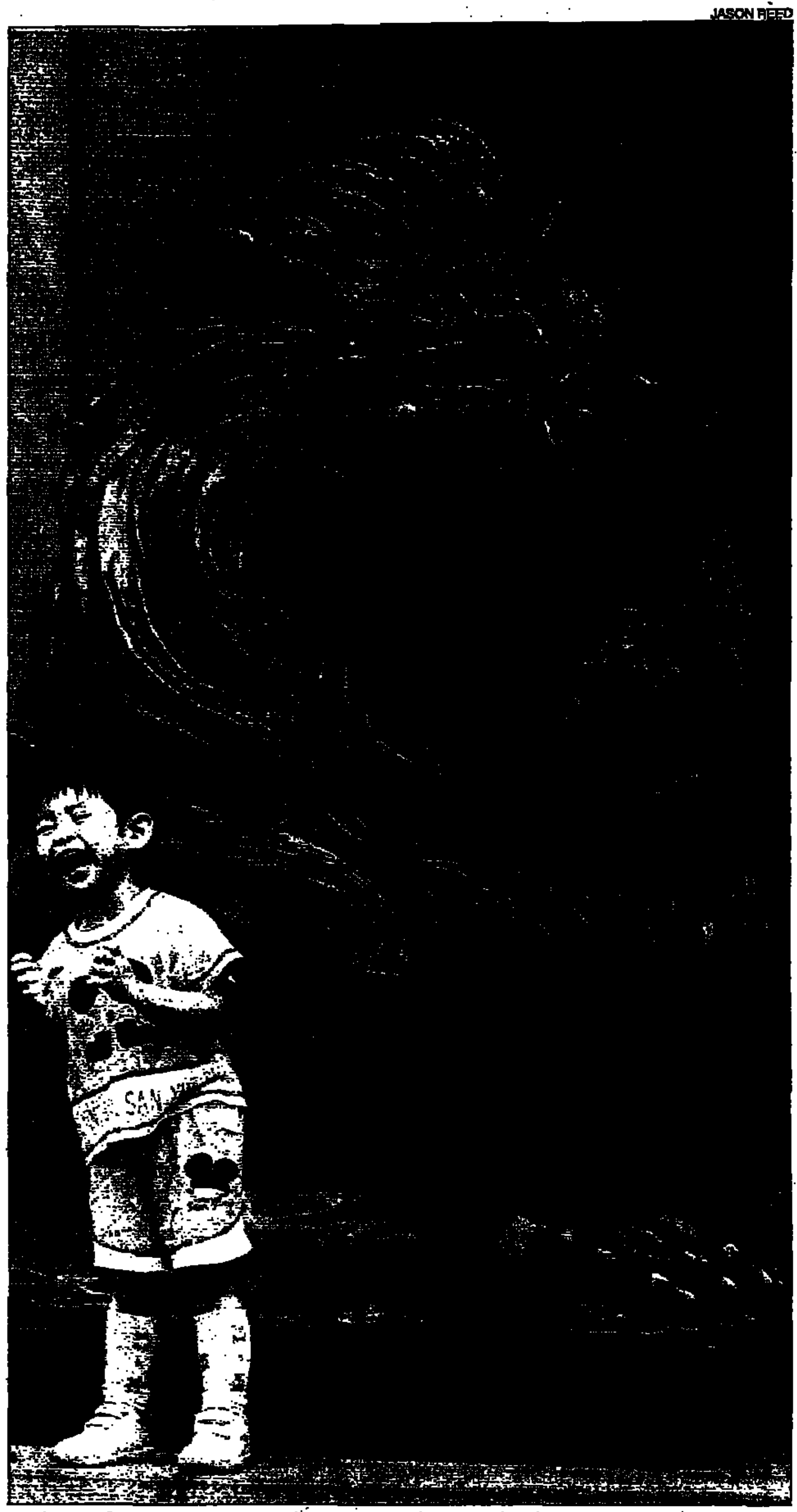

No worries: A young Hong Kong Chinese boy mimics the lions outside the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank as the Crown Colony prepares for the handover to China

Hong Kong markets wait their turn for change

The excitement of political change and the market's reaction to a new government is not restricted to Britain.

The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares yesterday rose to a record closing high of 4,455.6, up 10.6 points, on encouraging United States employment statistics. Traders in London said that the market had anticipated a Labour victory.

They approved of Tony Blair's decisive win which removed the dangers to the economy of the power struggle within a hung Parliament.

Dealers in the East were also preoccupied with politics. Investors were watching the Hong Kong market for signs of nervousness in the run-up to the handover to China.

In just 58 days Hong Kong will become part of China in a transfer of power that will be fraught with tension and resentment. So far the markets have been stable. The rapid upward trend of the past 10 years has been sustained. In the days before the official handover on June 30, the mood of calm seems likely to prevail.

The effect of the transfer on the Hong Kong economy is unknown, but businessmen will be hoping that the market will hold its nerve. Last week the opening of the Tsing Ma Bridge by Baroness Thatcher was accompanied by a display of British colonial exhuberence that was not appreciated by the incoming Chinese regime. Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's leader after June 30, refused to attend the ceremony, which included the display of a giant union flag trailed by helicopter.

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